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## EDITORIAL

### Vote yes on Measure A March 7

Never in recent memory has an El Cerrito ballot measure generated the across-the-board support that Measure A on the March 7 ballot has gained. Local Republican and Democratic groups have endorsed it, as have school PTAs and the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance, which has served as a watchdog for taxpayer interests. In our view there is good reason for this support.

Measure A is an important step in rebuilding a neglected infrastructure that will make El Cerrito an attractive place for current and future residents.

Measure A sets infrastructure repair, such as repair of city streets and public buildings, as the immediate city funding priority after police and fire services.

Measure A provides for rebuilding the city's 40-year-old deteriorated Swim Center, which faces possible condemnation.

Measure A will provide funds needed to restore a closed park clubhouse, now unavailable to residents, as well as bring facilities at other parks in conformity with accessibility laws.

The cost to residents is minimal for the benefits received. Measure A carries a cost of \$5 a month over 20 years, and if projects come in under budget, the likelihood is that the tax will be retired early. There is also an exemption that low-income households can apply for.

Opponents paint Measure A as being primarily about rebuilding the city's Swim Center, and in fairness that is where the bulk of proceeds from the tax would go.

They say the Swim Center is a misplaced priority, used by a small minority of residents, making it a misplaced priority benefiting a few.

Is the Swim Center a greater priority than street maintenance to most residents? Of course not. But the center is a more urgent priority. A closed center benefits nobody, just as closed park buildings benefit nobody. Further, closed facilities tell everyone that El Cerrito is in decline.

Measure A provide the means to put these facilities back in use, and just as importantly it will provide the mechanism to start addressing the city's many other repair needs.

The reality, in our view, is that this measure is an affirmation of the city's desire to reinvest in itself and make El Cerrito a desirable place to live.

The commitment to infrastructure is important — street repairs alone could eat up the amount of

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STUDENTS AT Harding Elementary School lead the golden dragon around the playground last Thursday in celebration of Chinese New Year.

CHRIS TREADWAY

## Parents: Albany Pool belongs to kids

By Amy Chen

Complaints of inequity regarding the apportionment of time at Albany Pool brought a handful of parents to Tuesday's school board meeting.

Parent representatives for the private Albany Blue Dolphins swim team accused Albany Unified School District of repeatedly ignoring requests for more pool time. Team representatives also hinted that the district-owned pool recruits adult members to generate money and only reluctantly opens its lanes to student swimmers.

"One of our concerns is that there's really no other program in Albany that serves middle school and high school swimmers," Nancy Jackson said. The mother of a high school freshman swimmer, Jackson feels "there's nothing for the older kids" at Albany Pool.

Jackson cited adult-orientated lap swim, parent-toddler swim lessons and physical therapy programs as evidence that district policy deliberately overlooks the needs of adjacent Albany High School students.

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## Neighborhoods brace for commuter parking influx

Expanded restricted parking around Plaza BART under study

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The City Council considered, but decided to hold off on a staff proposal to expand four-hour parking zones in neighborhoods near the Plaza BART station. Council members said they needed more information about the plan and also voiced concern that affected residents have time to study the proposed restrictions.

Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager Bruce King reported to the council that an estimated "several hundred to more than 800" BART patrons park daily in the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center. "With the anticipated clos-

ing in March 2000 of this parking area to allow for demolition and construction of the revitalized Plaza, staff believes that the displaced automobiles will be parked in the surrounding residential neighborhood," King reported.

Currently, four-hour parking restrictions are in place both immediately east and west of the BART tracks and the proposed new zones would expand the restricted area, mostly to the north and east of the Plaza station.

New four-hour restrictions, as proposed, include sections of Clayton Avenue and Albemarle, Norvell, Everett,

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## Lawsuit against school district will be retried

By James Carter

ALBANY — A jury deadlocked 7 to 5 last week after hearing the facts surrounding a bizarre 1996 incident involving then-superintendent of schools Dale Hudson and resident Dave McMahon.

McMahon was placed under citizen's arrest by Hudson shortly after addressing the board at its regularly scheduled meeting April 30, 1996.

The jury was one vote short of ruling in favor of McMahon, who argued his First Amendment rights were violated by the ASD at the meeting and that he was falsely imprisoned by Hudson during the incident.

The case, reassigned to Alameda County Superior Court Judge David C. Lee, will be tried again, according to McMahon's attorney, Walter Pyle.

"The jury's decision may have been different if the court had gone into details regarding protection afforded by the First Amendment," Pyle said. "We're disappointed by the outcome, but I'm convinced of the righteousness of his case."

Attorney Terry Tadlock, representing the ASD, Hudson, and other district officials involved in the suit, said it is "inappropriate to comment on the trial that just occurred or the evidence since we are going to have to try the case again."

During the trial, Tadlock petitioned the court to have the case against the dis-

trict dismissed after an article on the trial appeared in The Journal, Pyle said.

Tadlock and ASD officials involved in the case refused comment for the piece.

### No trash talk

McMahon went to the 1996 meeting to complain about garbage and debris he said was routinely dumped on or near his Key Route Boulevard property by students from Albany High School, according to Pyle. To make his point, McMahon spread out a plastic tarp and displayed items he said he collected as proof.

Several officials, including then-school board president Alan Riffer, and former board member Ed McManus apparently

objected to the display.

The meeting was suddenly adjourned and police were summoned. When officers arrived, they refused to arrest McMahon. Hudson signed a citizen's arrest form requiring police to take the resident into custody.

Shortly after his arrest, McMahon began to experience sleepless nights and other stress-related symptoms, and became depressed, Pyle said. McMahon sued the district for lost income, mental distress, and other problems he said resulted from his arrest and subsequent treatment by district officials.

A audio tape recording made as a mat-

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## Measure A backers campaign door-to-door

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Civic leaders, including City Council members and Park and Recreation commissioners have been out walking neighborhoods in support of Measure A.

Measure A is a \$5.3 million parcel tax that, if approved by the voters of El Cerrito, will fund reconstruction of the Swim Center and Canyon Trail Clubhouse and restroom renovations at Harding, Huber and Poinsett park clubhouses.

It would also set up a maintenance fund and budget formula to maintain and repair the city's public facilities and infrastructure. Homeowners would pay a maximum \$58 per year if the measure passes.

During a neighborhood walk with Mayor Mark Friedman last weekend, most people the mayor talked to seemed unfamiliar with Measure A. However, most also seemed inclined to support the measure after talking with Friedman about it.

"Measure A represents the community coming together to tackle some dif-

ficult problems as a team," Friedman said. "We really need to repair the Swim Center and the clubhouses and start the infrastructure fund. Let's move forward together."

But there were questions and non-commitment last Sunday when Friedman walked a northern-El Cerrito neighborhood.

"How much is this going to cost?" asked Carquinez Avenue resident Florence Bryndza. Friedman told her the cost and said the measure would create a "pool of money to rebuild the Swim Center and create an infrastructure fund."

El Cerritan Catherine Fabun had not heard much about Measure A and Friedman told her about the proposed tax and its "infrastructure fund for streets and parks." Friedman asked Fabun if he could count on her to vote for Measure A. "Most likely," she answered without making a firm commitment. "I think that's quite possible."

Resident Jeffrey Rosenfeld promised to read the pro-Measure A brochure, but

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EL CERRITO MAYOR Mark Friedman explains Measure A to Jeffrey Rosenfeld on one of his stops last weekend.

STEVE MASLANKA



## WORTH CHECKING OUT

### Saturday morning preschool programs at Albany Library

Don't miss Saturday morning preschool stories and films at the Albany Library, 1217 Marin Ave. from 11 a.m., Feb. 19-April 22. Geared to ages 3-5, the story-and-film series is free.

### Family storyline

All ages are welcome when family storyline returns to the Kensington Branch Library, 61 Arlington Ave., on Feb. 29, at 7 p.m. The free program will continue on Tuesday evenings. Details: 524-3043.

### Albany Rotary guests

The guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting of the Albany Rotary Club is Woody Spears, one of the famed Tuskegee Army of World War II. The club meets at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesdays at Cafe Del Sol, Solano, at Ensenada avenues in Berkeley.

### Shorline Bird Blitz

Join Phil Maynard on Saturday, March 4, for the annual Richmond Shoreline Bird Blitz. Learn to identify shore birds and waterfowl. Past years we have identified more than 50 species, good for beginners and expert birders. Meet at west side of El Cerrito Del Norte BART Station parking lot at 9 a.m. We will then car-pool to different Richmond locations. Bring binoculars, snacks and walking shoes. Rain cancels. For more information, call Phil Maynard at 510-237-7520.

### Shelter operations class

The Red Cross always helps in an emergency, but they may not be here right away. With proper training, community members can set up and operate shelter sites. When the Red Cross arrives, shelters that are operating under Red Cross guidelines can receive support, supplies and staffing. On Saturday, March 25, there will be a special opportunity for El Cerrito and Kensington residents to learn Red Cross Shelter Operations at a free class sponsored by the NEAT Emergency Preparedness Program. The class will be held 9 a.m.-noon at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser. Reservations required. Call 510-525-7268 to reserve space in this free class.

### Help Find Frogs

Friends of Five Creeks and Friends of Baxter Creek will train volunteers for its annual frog survey at 7 p.m., Monday, March 6, downstairs at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Volunteers learn to recognize frog calls and then listen at likely spots after sundown. For information, call 510-848-9358 or e-mail fscreeks@aol.com.

### Skytown Cooperative benefit

The Skytown Parent Cooperative Preschool, 1 Lawson Road in Kensington, will hold a large garage sale to benefit the school on April 1, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. All donations to the garage sale are tax-deductible. Details: 526-8485.

### Youth support campaign

What does it take to change a life? Support the Berkeley-Albany YMCA Annual Youth Support Campaign. The Berkeley-Albany YMCA has kicked off its annual campaign and with the help of more than 200 community volunteers, the YMCA hopes to raise \$330,000. All money raised during the campaign will be used to provide financial assistance for local youth, teens and families who otherwise would not be able to participate in YMCA programs. This year, the YMCA will be changing the lives of 7,500 individuals by providing \$1.1 million in financial assistance and program subsidies. If you would like to donate to the campaign, contact Financial Development Director Jay Lowden at 510-549-4519.

### Celtic music and dance

Hausmusik presents Distant Oaks, celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Celtic music and dance. Performing are Distant Oaks members Deborah White, vocals in Gaelic and English, guitar and cello; Jared White, recorders, whistle, Scottish smallpipes, and bodhran; Shayne White, Celtic harp and Scottish step dancing; guest artists Julie Jeffrey, viola da gamba; and Peter Maund, percussion. Held on Saturday, March 11, at 8 p.m., St. Alban's Episcopal Church parish hall, 1501 Washington St., Albany. Tickets: \$17 (general), \$14 (SPEMS, ARS, EMA, students, seniors). Advance reservations recommended. Details, tickets: 510-559-4670.

## Suspect in theft caught on camera

**EL CERRITO**— At 11:40 p.m., Feb. 6, a balding man in his mid-30s removed a small bag from a chair at a business on the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue. The bag contained \$1,022, which did not belong to the suspect, who pocketed it, not knowing he was caught on camera.

■ A thief stole \$1,380 in merchandise from an unlocked car parked in the lot behind Guitar Center Feb. 9.

■ A 27-year-old man was grabbed from behind at Eastshore Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue and stabbed several times early in the morning Feb. 13. A 25-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

■ Sometime between Feb. 15 and 19, an unknown suspect removed a battery and an air pump from an un-

locked car on the 6500 block of Cutting Boulevard, then cut the fuel line and unsuccessfully attempted to siphon gas from the automobile with a garden hose.

■ On the 200 block of Pomona Avenue sometime between Feb. 17 and 18, a thief took \$10 from the center console of an unlocked car.

■ A unknown suspect forced open the locked window of a home located on the 600 block of Richmond Street Feb. 18, stole a laptop computer from the living room, and left through the front door.

■ A would-be burglar removed the screen from the kitchen window of a home on the 500 block of Alameda Street the evening of Feb. 18, but fled when a burglar alarm sounded.

■ Someone knocked a boy off his

### POLICE REPORT

bike on the BART path around noon, Feb. 18.

■ A thief took a bike and a whacker from the front porch of a home on the 1300 block of Laguna Street sometime between Feb. 17 and 19.

■ An unknown suspect entered an unlocked car parked on the block of Norvell Street sometime between Feb. 18 and 19, and removed the glove compartment but did not empty-handed.

■ A young man grabbed a woman from the hand of a 36-year-old woman stopped on the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue Feb. 18, fled.

## Motorist, crossing guard in confrontation

By K. Osborn

**ALBANY**— On the afternoon of Feb. 13, a resident on the 700 block of Ramona Avenue reported that thieves entered her back yard and stole her child's red Huffy bicycle, leaving three other bicycles untouched.

■ On the morning of Feb. 14, a resident on the 700 block of Hillside Avenue reported that over the weekend thieves stole a statue from his front yard.

■ At about 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, Albany officers responded to a bank on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports that a thief demanded money from a teller in a threatening tone. The subject then fled the bank with the bag of money and was last seen departing in a light blue 1991 Geo which was in the Plaza parking lot.

The thief was described as an African American male, 35 to 40 years old, 6 feet tall, weighing 180 pounds, wearing a dark wool knit sweater, black beanie cap and sunglasses. He was gone when officers arrived. On Feb. 18, Vallejo police reported locating the car matching the above description.

■ On the night of Feb. 14, a resident on the 1100 block of Dartmouth Street reported that someone broke into his home and stole various items.

■ On the morning of Feb. 15, a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves stole his green 1997 Dodge.

■ On the morning of Feb. 15, Al-

bany officers located a white 1999 Ford van on the 500 block of Pierce Street that had been reported as stolen from San Francisco. The owner was notified.

■ At about 2 p.m. on Feb. 15, Albany paramedics responded to the area of Talbot and Marin avenues to reports of an injured crossing guard. Evidently, the driver of a white 1994 Dodge four-door sedan ignored the crossing guard's stop sign and drove through the cross walk, endangering children.

The crossing guard kicked at the car as it passed. The driver, a 24-year-old Richmond man, stopped his car, got out and attacked the crossing guard. The man was arrested, cited and released with a Nictocite Appar. The crossing guard was not seriously injured.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 17, a resident on the 1500 block of Sonoma Avenue reported that around 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 16, thieves stole her white 1996 Toyota van from in front of her home. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of Feb. 17, a resident on the 500 block of Jackson Street reported that earlier in the evening thieves entered his garage while the door was open and stole a tool box. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of Feb. 18, a resident on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the night thieves stole his 1983 Datsun 280Z. There were no witnesses.

■ On Feb. 20, Richmond police reported locating the car. It had been

damaged and they had a suspect in custody. The owner was notified.

■ On the morning of Feb. 18, a resident on the 1000 block of Laguna Avenue reported that the Cerrito police had contacted him to report that they located his 1987 Toyota pickup that had been stolen.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 18, Albany officers discovered that vehicles that were parked on the block of Pierce Street had been taken into, including a red 1980 Honda Accord, a silver 1990 Mercury, and a blue 1989 Ford van. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Feb. 18, a resident on the 1100 block of Livingston Avenue reported that the previous night thieves had broken into his gray 1987 Nissan pickup and stole the radio. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Feb. 13, Albany officers took three calls responded to five false alarms, tended to six lost or damaged animals, assisted five people who were locked out of their homes and responded to three reported barking dogs.

In the domestic arena, officers responded to two domestic disputes, 23 reports of civil disturbances, 102 Civil Assists.

Albany officers stopped 10 vehicles issuing 60 citations and warnings.

Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to seven medical emergencies.

## EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

### Staff resignation

El Cerrito's Economic Development Manager Elisa Tierney has submitted her letter of resignation. Tierney informed Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft of her intentions on Feb. 14.

"She is looking forward to taking some time off before beginning a job search," Raycraft said in a report to the City Council and city manager last week.

At Raycraft's recommendation and request, Tierney agreed to use her accrued vacation and administrative leave time to extend her tenure with the city.

She will work two days a week during a transition period and focus her efforts on two "grandfathered" redevelopment projects — El Cerrito Honda and the Best Inn hotel, Raycraft said.

"As Elisa's tenure ends, there will be a need to transition a new part-time contract project management person into the system and this can

be better accomplished by the sharing of duties and responsibilities between Elisa and the contract person rather than having them duplicating efforts," Raycraft said.

"Elisa has done an outstanding job under less than ideal conditions," Raycraft told the council in his report.

"The transition from redevelopment to economic development has not been an easy one and much of the controversy has been unfairly associated with her performance. She is a dedicated and caring employee and has given much to this community. We will miss her."

Tierney is expected to continue working for the city through the week of March 13, Raycraft said.

### Crime Stoppers

Police Chief Peter Sarna reports that the newly formed West County chapter of Crime Stoppers will hold a fund-raiser on March 25.

"Crime Stoppers is a nationally recognized nonprofit citizens' group that staffs an anonymous tip line regularly for witnesses to call and report information on serious crimes," Sarna said.

Rewards are paid for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of wanted criminals, Sarna added.

"Chapter officials have established liaison with the West County Police Chiefs' Association, which will assist and provide oversight to the group," said Sarna.

The fund-raiser wine tasting and dinner is planned for Saturday, March 25, at Maple Hall Community Center, 1 Alvarado Square in San Pablo.

Wine tasting will be from 6-9 p.m., and dinner and raffles will be from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each, or two for \$50, and include a commemorative wine glass and entry to the door prize drawing.

Call 510-724-0365 for tickets or more information.

### ECDC recommendations

In addition to its unanimous recommendation of El Cerrito's Measure A, the El Cerrito Democratic Club made numerous recommendations for the March 7 ballot at last month's meeting.

It took no position on state propositions 1A and 29. However, the ECDC recommends a yes vote on state propositions 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 26, 30 and 31.

The ECDC recommends a no vote on state propositions 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27 and 28.

### Registration to begin for kindergarten

Elementary schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District will register kindergarten students for the 2000-2001 school year from March 1-31.

Children who turn 5 on or before Dec. 2 are eligible to register.

Parents can register their children at their neighborhood school from 9 a.m.-noon or from 1-3 p.m. on school days.

Expanded hours may be offered at some schools.

Parents will need to present proof of the child's age, such as a birth certificate or baptismal record, proof of immunizations, and proof of residence, such as an electricity bill. Telephone bills are not accepted as proof of residence.

Immunizations are available at the Richmond Public Health Department Immunization Clinic, 39th Street and Bissell Avenue, first floor. The clinic is open from 2-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Tuberculosis testing is available only on Fridays from 2-3:30 p.m. Call 510-374-3101 for more information.

Parents who need assistance registering their children in Spanish, Lao, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Mien and

Khmu can register from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bilingual English Language Development Service, 157 Ninth St., Room 100, Richmond.

Assistance in Chinese will be available from 2-4 p.m. each day, 510-232-8050.

### Greenway work parties

Join Sustainable El Cerrito the El Cerrito Police Department a little weeding, pruning, litter control, creek clean-up and restoration and other improvements along Ohlone Greenway (BART path) experience is required and every is welcome. Bring work gloves, tools if you have them.

If your church, business, neighborhood, or civic group would like to get involved, let Sustainable

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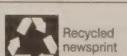
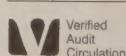
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## Living and breathing math for 24 hours

Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear

By Amy Chen

learn that he could leave but according to contest regulations, could not return to work on the project.

Beginning at 9 a.m. and ending 24 hours later, Albany High's two teams toiled tirelessly through the night and under the watchful eyes of equally dedicated teachers.

"It's kind of amazing that students are willing to take a day out of their holidays," said AHS physics teacher Rich Lohman.

Even more amazing is how three other Albany High teachers stepped in to make it possible. Aside from securing permission from the school district, these teachers selflessly chaperoned the 24-hour math ordeal.

Lohman supervised the students for the first 12 hours and returned for the last three. Geometry teacher Don DePasquale showed up with a movie at 9 p.m., stayed the night in Room 54 and left at 6 a.m.

Integrated math teacher Marguerite Buck-Bauer took the graveyard shift from midnight to 4:30 a.m. while AP Calculus teacher Elisabeth Klein chaperoned the rest.

"I think these kids have done a lot for the school," Klein explained. "They do a lot for a school's reputation ... Some kids get into plays or sports. Others get involved this way. Everyone should get it some way."

From the student perspective, the 24-hour math-a-thon was also a chance "to see a different side of a teacher," Liao said. "You get to see a more human side."

But at the end of the day, it was all about the students.

"As long as there's coffee, we'll persevere," Huang joked. Bring on the caffeine.

## Juvenile Crime Initiative contains stiff provisions

By James Carter

California voters are grappling with a controversial state measure that proponents claim is necessary to protect crime victims from violent youth. Opponents argue the measure undermines the right to due process, and is a direct attack on young people in general and youth of color in particular.

Known as Proposition 21, the Juvenile Crime Initiative would give district attorneys the authority to decide if children as young as 14 could be tried as adults when accused of committing a variety of violent crimes.

While minors can already be tried for crimes as adults under the current system, supporters of Prop. 21 insist the process takes too long and is too costly.

Matt Ross, spokesman for measure supporters, insists that Prop. 21 will "make the streets safer for people because criminals will not be out on the streets looking for another victim."

According to Ross, the proposed legislation evolved when "the Dis-

trict Attorneys and Sheriffs Association were looking at issues that still needed to be addressed in California. We've made great strides fighting crime," he said. "But more needs to be done in terms of juvenile crime, juvenile justice and gang violence."

Opponents question just what that need is.

"The irony is that crimes committed by juveniles have declined dramatically," said Bob Kim, a northern California ACLU staff attorney. "According to statistics provided by the California Department of Justice, the juvenile felony arrest rate dropped by 30 percent from 1991 to 1998. Statistics also show that arrests of juveniles accused of homicide have dropped 50 percent statewide."

Mimi Ho, co-director of the Californians for Justice Committee, said the initiative is yet another political wedge issue created by former Gov. Pete Wilson to promote his own political agenda.

"The people of California understand that Prop. 21 is an attack on young people," Ho said.

"It is a mean-spirited set of laws that Wilson failed to pass in the leg-

islature and tried to use in his presidential bid."

But proponents insist the measure is all about fighting crime more efficiently, and for less money.

"Millions and millions of dollars are currently spent to determine if a youth accused of a crime should be tried as an adult — money that could be put to better purposes," Ross said. "We can already try juveniles as adults for violent offenses. But those cases take up 25 to 30 percent of the juvenile justice courts' time in terms of resources, though they represent less than 1 percent of the overall cases tried." Ross suggested such money could be used to rehabilitate other youth offenders, though he said there is no language in the measure to do so.

Prop. 21, which has received extensive financial backing from several large corporations, "shouldn't change the number of juveniles going into the system or being tried," Ross maintained.

He also insists that teens convicted of major felonies would not be housed with hardened criminals if Prop. 21 passes. "Young people

would not be put into prison," he said. "They would remain in the Youth Authority. Then after 18, they would be put into prison."

However, according to the official California Voter Information Guide, if the Juvenile Crime measure becomes law, it would require that "certain juvenile offenders be held in local or state correctional facilities." The booklet is authenticated by Bill Jones, the California Secretary of State.

The Voter's Handbook analysis also concludes that the fiscal impact of the measure would include "state costs of more than \$330 million annually; one-time costs of \$750 million," and "potential local costs of up to more than \$100 million annually, and a one-time cost of \$200 to \$300 million."

"Even the Department of Corrections estimated that 22,000 more prison spaces would have to be created over the next 30 years at a capital outlay of nearly \$1 billion," if Prop. 21 is passed, Kim said. "This money could be better spent on education or crime prevention."

## Proposed transit tax gains groups' support

By Lisa Vorderbruegg

The Sierra Club and a Bay Area public transit advocacy coalition say they will support a proposed \$1.4 billion transportation sales tax spending plan in Alameda County.

"That's fantastic," said City Councilman Tom Vargas of Livermore, who sat on a steering committee that wrote the plan. "This should really help us in areas that did not do as well in 1998."

The Sierra Club and the Bay Area Transportation and Land Use Coalition had threatened to fight the mea-

sure unless officials agreed to spend more on buses and alternatives to new roads.

With a two-thirds vote requirement, supporters know they can ill afford opposition.

In 1998, environmentalists fought the county's first attempt to extend the tax, and it failed. Hoping to avoid a second defeat, the Expenditure Development Plan Steering Committee shifted an additional \$186 million into programs supported by the Sierra Club and the coalition.

The money includes \$30 million for increased bus service in Hayward,

San Leandro and Castro Valley.

Other new programs include \$10 million for express buses; \$73 million for bicycle, pedestrian and transit-oriented development; and additional money for transit services for the disabled.

"This is a tremendous victory," said Jeff Hobson, coalition spokesman. "While this program remains primarily a tax subsidy for roads, we feel the gains in funding for improved transportation choices merits our support."

About 41 percent of the money — \$568.5 million — is earmarked for

projects such as new roads, BART extensions and interchange improvements. Transit would get \$311 million, or about 22 percent. Local street departments would collect \$317.8 million, or 23 percent.

"If the Alameda County Transportation Authority adopts the spending plan recommended by the steering committee, we will support it," said El Cerrito resident Mike Daley, conservation representative for the Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club. "We are pleasantly surprised that the 2000 plan is significantly improved over the 1998 version."

The revised plan is headed to the Alameda County Transportation Authority, which was expected to adopt it at its meeting in Oakland yesterday.

ACTA is comprised of five members of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, three representatives appointed by the Alameda County Mayors Conference and one representative designated by the mayor of Oakland.

Before it can go before voters in November, the plan must be approved by a majority of the city councils that represent a majority of the population.

The county Board of Supervisors must place the spending plan on the ballot.

But Alameda County elected officials are likely to cast their votes in support of the plan in coming months.

## Berkeley-Albany YMCA youth take over state government

More than 40 Berkeley-Albany YMCA youth went to Sacramento last weekend to "take over" the state Capitol as part of the 52nd Annual California YMCA Model Legislature and Court.

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Since the beginning of the school year, the delegates, along with more than 2,000 high school students throughout California have been working together in conferences, elections, and local meetings to learn the

democratic process.

The delegates served as governor, senators, assemblymembers, legislative pages, Supreme Court justices, lobbyists and TV/president reporters.

Students participating: Albany YMCA— Gordon Shafir; Stephanie Hagar; Kathryn Robinson; Andrea Gottlieb; Emily Jackson; Oriana Haer; Sam Yunker; Peter Waugh; Willie Lyon; Patrick Vance; Chris Calvin; Sara Khosravi; Acacia Quen; Nick Danielson; Erik Billings; Anna Moore; Emma Swan; Amanda Garcia; Emily Yarris; Colleen Smallfield; Oscar Whelan; Michael Edwards; and

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## El Cerrito

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Cerrito know in advance so a special project can be arranged for your team.

The next work party is Saturday, March 11 (rain date: March 18), from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet on the Greenway at Potrero.

Another work party will be held Saturday, April 15 as part of El Cerrito Earth Day 2000.

The Greenway is the special focus of this year's Earth Day work parties.

To sign up to work on one of the many Greenway sites, please contact us soon so we can begin organizing the sites.

Details: Lori Dair 232-6466, ldair@earthlink.net

### Garden of the Month

Formerly, and officially, it's the "Sundar Shadi Garden Contest." But organizers have decided to turn it into a Garden of the Month contest. It's more of a fun game than anything else.

Object of the contest is to inspire us all to beautify our city to make attractive moments in our city lives.

Who? The El Cerrito Garden Club, Barbara Post, President. More specifically the "Sundar Shadi Garden Contest" Committee. Vera Shadi, chairman, members of the committee are Virginia Williams, Joyce

Odlin, Julie Rogers, Lisa Doyen, Alyce Peterson, and Janet Ruyle, vice president of the Garden Club.

What? Garden Club members have scouted the city looking at gardens, and other interesting spots, looking for gardens to nominate to give to the committee. Nominations have been sent out by Vera Shadi.

Rules: Anybody in El Cerrito can play. Gardens are divided into three categories: small, medium and large (small gardens take place in a tiny space a storefront, an apartment door, a sidewalk spot, a fence).

Where? Anyplace within the city limits.

When? Three winners will be announced five times a year: Feb. 1, April 1, June 1, July 1, August 1. The contest winners will have a sign (handpainted by Thelma Gillespie, artist) in their front yards for the duration of February and March, or April and May, or June, or July, or August and September, maybe October.

How? You can nominate your own garden or garden spot, or you can nominate anyone else's. All that needs to be done is call Vera Shadi's voice mail 24 hours at 869-3977 and leave the address. It will be followed up by a nomination letter. No names need be left, only addresses. The garden must be visible from the street, and club members are not eligible.

The signs are handpainted beautiful ones painted by Thelma Gillespie, former president of the E.C. Art Association.

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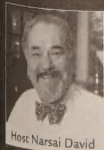
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# Proposition 22 and the logic of democracy

The latest polls say Prop. 22, the anti-gay marriage Knight Initiative, is headed for a big win. Even here in the supposedly liberal Bay Area, the nos barely outnumber the yesses.

Hello? Am I missing something here? Wasn't this just a few years ago that everyone was ragging on homosexuals because of their supposed promiscuous lifestyle? Weren't they being exhorted to act "responsibly," just like everyone else? But now that they're taking us at our word and settling down and getting married, all of a sudden it's "Whoa! Not so fast!"

Talk about being damned if you do and damned if you don't! How hypocritical can we get?

As a matter of public policy, we should be doing everything we can to encourage people to pair off and take care of each other—especially in this era of a rapidly aging population.

And as a matter of basic fairness, shouldn't gays and lesbians be entitled to the same rights the rest of us enjoy, including the right to marry? I mean, are they American citizens or aren't they?

It's the same old story, and I'm getting a little tired of it—Every time a new group knocks on the door, the people on the inside freak out and say the republic will fall if we let in those awful outsiders.

Finally, after lots of suffering and waste, the outsiders eventually get in. And afterwards everyone won-

ders what all the fuss was about. It happened with the Germans, the Irish, the Jews, the Italians, the Blacks, the Latinos, and the women. And now it's happening with homosexuals.

The fact is that they will eventually achieve equal status with everyone else, whether people like it or not, because that's the inexorable logic of democracy.

As Lincoln said, a house divided against itself cannot stand. Any division—whether it be black against white, rich against poor, gay against straight, Jew against gentile, woman against man—weakens the social fabric, and hence our national security.

The only solution is to keep expanding the tent. Or, as Al Smith was fond of saying, "The only cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy."

Instead of resisting the tide of history, we might as well go with the flow. It's going to happen anyway, sooner or later. Why fight it?

Besides, there's another reason: We don't want to look ridiculous in the eyes of our grandchildren. Think how stupid this argument is going to sound to people 50 years from now—just as stupid as 19th-century debates about the rights and wrongs of slavery sound to us now.

So if two men or two women want to stand up in public and declare their love for each other, who am I to say no? In this day and age,

love isn't so easy to come by. If they've found it, I say, "More power to them."

And, of course, "Congratulations." (Or is it "Best wishes?" )

Meanwhile, the Oakland school board stole a march on Jerry Brown by selecting its own superintendent, Dennis Chaconas, before he could appoint one for them.

Whatever you think about the ongoing power struggle between the school board and Brown (and his ally, Don Perata), I have a feeling they picked the right guy this time.

I was no fan of Chaconas' predecessor, Carole Quan, who I regularly ripped for stunts like "Don King Appreciation Day," a photo-op that featured Oakland schoolchildren singing the praises of the notorious convicted-felon-turned-sleazy-fight-promoter because he donated some pencils and paper to the Oakland schools.

But what it didn't occur to me to

ask at the time is why Oakland was so desperate for pencils and paper that it had to go begging to a thug like King in the first place.

Which is my way of saying that Chaconas could be Superman for all the good it would do him, if he doesn't get the resources he needs to do the job.

It's an old story around here: Hire somebody good and then nickel-and-dime him on the budget.

Take the Oakland Pound: Everyone agrees that director Glenn Howell is the best hope of cleaning up the place to come along in years. But in the next breath they deny him adequate funding to do what he was hired to do.

No, you can't solve problems simply by throwing money at them. But you sure can't solve them without money, either.

And Chaconas deserves a chance to try. I found out what kind of guy he was back in the mid-'80s, when he was the principal at Oakland

Tech. At the time, a confidential source leaked me a copy of Rickey Henderson's academic transcript from his student days at Oakland Tech. There were unmistakable signs that someone had changed his grades, raising them just enough so he'd be eligible to play sports for good ol' Oakland Tech.

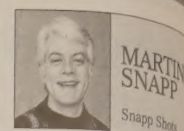
To me, it was a scandal that cheated the system, the other students and, not least, Rickey himself. But when I tried to get a comment from school district officials, I ran into a stone wall of denials and no comments.

All except for one official: Chaconas. The incident happened before his watch, so it wasn't his fault, but he was as outraged as I was.

"Now you see what we have to fight against," he told me. "If only we had someone in charge downtown who actually cares about the kids."

Well, now we do.

Finally, a correction to last



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shows

week's column about the death of Charles M. Schulz. I was wrong. Charlie Brown did win a baseball game!

The date was April 5, 1983—a day that is forever engraved in the mind of Oakland's Beverly Sola.

"I was scheduled for cancer surgery," she writes, "and about a week before the surgery there were two daily cartoon strips in which Charlie Brown hit a home run ninth inning and they won the game. I took this as a good omen and photocopied the two strips and put them on my dining room wall where they still hang. And the cancer has never come back."

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039; write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, CA 94619; or e-mail him at calman@california.com.

## There are boyfriends, and there are boy friends

"It's your boy friend," my husband said handing me the phone.

"Oh good. I was hoping he'd call," I said taking the cordless phone and walking into the other room with it.

I knew who the call was from—Don. He's been my "boy friend" for several years. Joe was the first person to call him that. Now we all do, including the children.

I've never had a boy friend like Don, even when I was single. Then I had "boyfriends" and all the subtlety that implied. But it's different with Don. For one thing, he's gay. For another, I like him more and spend more time with him than any of my premarital boyfriends.

Don and I go to plays together. We talk several times a week, meet for coffee, go on outings and share confidences.

Don is the person I call for navigational assistance when I'm driving around, lost, with no idea where I am or where I'm going. Once a week for a whole year, Don folded and stuffed middle school newsletters with me. It was my job on the school's parents' board. We raced each other to see whose system of folding and stuffing was fastest. I bought him a rubber finger. He told me where to get pre-stamped envelopes.

I know how he takes his coffee. He knows what books I read.

Don is the perfect complement to my husband. A married woman needs a boy friend. It makes for a better marriage.

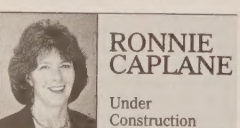
A husband is the man you plan the rest of your life with, the one you raise your children with, the person who remembers your parents, knows your sister and was an eye witness to most of your adult past.

A boy friend does things with you your husband won't.

"You should be glad I have a boy friend," I told Joe. "For one thing it means you don't have to go to the theatre with me anymore."

Joe is good for about 25 minutes of live theater then he starts sighing and shifting and shuffling. Pretty soon his pain becomes my pain and by the curtain call, we're both in foul moods.

"What did you think of the play?" I once asked Joe as we were leaving the theater.



RONNIE CAPLANE  
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"It was too long," he said. Don doesn't say that. He discusses the play with me. Then he goes home, gets on the Internet and looks up reviews, historical information, other things the playwright has written and e-mails it to me. Then we discuss it more.

Don and I go to office supply stores because we share a passion for neon colored post-its and gel pens and stacking Lucite trays. He never stands at the door of a used bookstore, arms akimbo, impatiently tapping his foot and looking at his watch. That's what husbands do, and I already have one of those.

Husbands live with you. They see you first thing in the morning with yesterday's mascara streaked across your face. They wade through your piles of clothes, books, papers and other detritus on the bedroom floor because they know you're incorrigibly messy. They know you can't be trusted to pay household bills and have heard you go ballistic when the dishwasher isn't loaded to your specifications.

But a boy friend doesn't see that side of you. He only knows how you look when you're dressed and ready to go. He thinks your disposition is sunnier and brighter than it really is.

Just because I got married doesn't mean I can't have a man in my life whose image of me is better than the reality. I've talked to girl friends about this and they agree: a husband and a boy friend make a perfect whole.

I think Joe understands this. Once he surprised me with two tickets for a show in San Francisco. Given Joe's attitude toward theater, I was shocked.

"They're for you and Don," he explained.

I can't imagine doing that for Joe and some "girl friend." Maybe it's a male thing, this lack of jealousy. But a little bit wouldn't hurt.

"Where are you off to tonight?" Joe asked the other day as I was leaving the house. When I told him I was going to a class with another man, not Don, Joe was taken aback.

"You're not jealous?" I asked hopefully.

"No," he said. "But does Don know you're cheating on him?"

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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### What's wrong with Measure A, and why we urge you to vote no

By Linda Blum  
and Evelyn Kiresen

selves to rebuilding a community pool.

Neither our City Council nor the pool promoters have explored these possibilities or sought individual donor gifts within our area. It has become an almost reflexive reaction to impose yet another tax on our hard pressed lower and moderate income homeowners and renters.

3. The pool is used by only a small number of El Cerrito residents. The majority of users are from adjacent communities. Replacing a 1960s pool with another 1960s pool will not increase our use of this facility.

4. It is unfair to senior and the disabled of all ages who will be forced to pay \$1,200 over the 20 years for an outdoor pool that will at best be only partially accessible during the year, and most likely engender legal challenges as a result.

5. The measure does not provide an alternative to our senior citizens to opt out with dignity by imposing a mean spirited, unfair bureaucratic process.

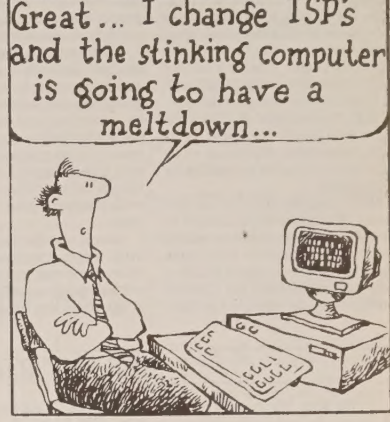
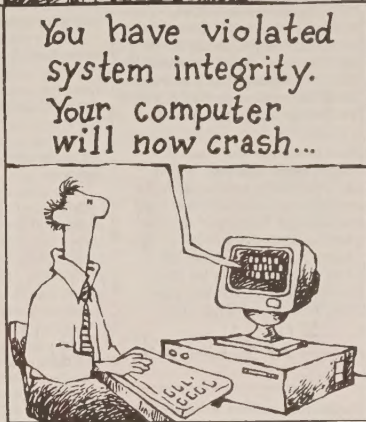
6. There is a fundamental disconnect between the needs, wants, priorities of city staff, council and modest-income majority residents of this community who want essential city services at a price they can afford.

For all of the above, we urge a no vote on Measure A.

Linda Blum and Evelyn Kiresen are co-chairs of El Cerritos for Responsible Government



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### Albany mayor looks back on progress during term

By Peggy Thomsen  
AUTHOR ALBANY MAYOR

With the end of my term as mayor, I would like to thank my fellow council members and the citizens of Albany for giving me the opportunity to serve you. The council, the city staff, the appointed commissions and committees, and numerous volunteers have worked hard and cooperatively to accomplish numerous things for the city in 1999. Some of the 1999 accomplishments are:

- Purchased six acres of open space on Albany Hill.
- Allocated \$80,000 for creek restoration as part of the Creekside Apartments affordable-housing project.
- Continued negotiations with the University of California on acquisition of property to develop a seven-acre recreational playing field complex.

- Received a \$2.5 million grant to construct a connection between Eastshore Highway and Buchanan Street (a critical part of the city's redevelopment efforts along the freeway).

- Worked with numerous agencies to assist the homeless population at the Albany Landfill in relocating and continued preparations toward developing the Eastshore State Park on the site.

- Successfully obtained a revised closure order which eliminates a \$5-million liability and protects the environment and aquatic habitat at the Albany Landfill from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

- Completed Phase I of the Solano Avenue project, a \$3 million sewer, storm drain and streetscape improvement project (a critical part of the city's economic development efforts along Solano Avenue).

- Approved a new balanced two-year operating budget and five-year capital-improvement-program budget.
- Purchased a new ambulance for the emergency medical-services program (delivery this year).

- Jointly sponsored with the school district and University of California another successful summer conservation-corps program, which

employed 18 high school students

- Planted hundreds of trees as part of the city's urban forestry program.

- Held a series of joint City Council/Planning and Zoning Commission work sessions to discuss ways to better and more consistently apply policy.

- Relocated the Ohlone Greenway path near the new middle school for better pedestrian and bicycle safety.

- Continued work toward relocating the teen center near the new middle school.

- Continued work on the Memorial Park improvement plan with improvements to play areas expected this year.

- Began negotiations with Caltrans on acquisition of surplus property by the old Pierce Street on-and-off-ramps to develop a park.

- Successfully competed for grants relating to educating youth on tobacco products, creek restoration, and tree planting and maintenance.

- Activated the Disaster Policy advisory group to provide recommendations on ways the city can prepare and respond in an emergency.

- Reconstituted the Zoning Code Revision Committee to provide recommendations on revising the Zoning Code.

- Updated the City Council goals and three-year work program

I know that we will have another productive year with Jon Ely as our mayor. I wish him well and again thank all who have worked hard to make Albany such a desirable place to live and work.

Letters can be sent to P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; faxed to 644-1735 or e-mailed to journal@cctimes

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### City Council priorities are straight

I am responding to Bob Winslow's comments of Feb. 18 (Letters to the Editor).

He questions the council priorities regarding Measure A and the proposed economic development program but he fails to distinguish between addressing deferred infrastructure needs vs. continuing a 20-year focus on services; repairing and maintaining facilities vs. starting new programs; and spending funds as legally required per approval by two-thirds of the voters vs. spending per council direction.

I believe the new council has its priorities straight. We are working hard to build trust with the community, which includes spending our taxpayers', dollars wisely.

Measure A is the most widely supported ballot measure in El Cerrito's history. Measure A is supported by the El Cerrito Citizens', Alliance and many service organizations, labor unions and political groups.

Measure A requires approval by two-thirds of the voters. The funds raised from the \$58 per year parcel tax can be used only to repair and renovate the 37-year-old swim center and restore the Canyon Trail, Huber, Poinsett and Harding clubhouses.

Measure A will also require the council to spend a portion of the funds collected from existing taxes on long overdue capital improvements and maintenance, including streets, buildings and play fields. Measure A will enable us to "fix the basics" that Winslow wants.

At the Feb. 7 City Council meeting, I voted to support Economic Development in El Cerrito as proposed by the Chamber of Commerce and other task force members for the full \$350,000 in the coming year.

Per my request, the council will be given a business plan that shows how the program will produce at least \$350,000 per year in additional revenues or other benefits for El Cerrito to justify its annual funding.

I want our economic development to be successful and the program to be accountable to the council, business community and taxpayers.

I do not want to spend more than one million in taxpayers', dollars over the next three years and have little or nothing to show for it.

I believe supporting Measure A demonstrates prudent business practices with which the Chamber of Commerce and taxpayers can readily agree.

El Cerrito residents, city employees and businesses want and deserve the city to fix its infrastructure and make the local economy vibrant. Supporting Measure A is an important and necessary first step. Please vote "Yes" for Measure A.

Gina Brusatori  
El Cerrito City Councilwoman

### Join a new beginning

Residents of El Cerrito finally have a chance to join in a new beginning and build-out community.

The El Cerrito City Council has voted unanimously to place Measure A on the March 7 ballot. This measure gives us all a chance to join our council members in redirecting city priorities to include the repair and maintenance of our community facilities.

Measure A will provide funds to rebuild our Swim Center and bring it up to current health and safety requirements, as well as repair several park clubhouses so they may be reopened for our use.

Measure A also requires our City Council to designate funds from our General Fund each year for the repair and maintenance of our streets and other community facilities.

Join the new beginning. Help build our community.

Vote yes on Measure A.

Al Miller  
El Cerrito

### Vote yes on Measure A

At our stage in life, my wife and I prefer the new indoor swimming pool just across the city line in Richmond, but our grandchildren would surely opt for the refurbished outdoor pool being proposed for the Community Center.

Most residents are not regular swimmers, but it should be possible to convince many of them that this is the best sport once their knees start giving out due to too much, or too little, exercise. And, of course, kids deserve the fun and should learn to swim.

So please vote yes on Measure A!

Related comments: Pools are regional amenities. With two indoor ones in Richmond and one in Albany, El Cerrito should have an outdoor pool for the harder users.

Neighboring communities should not charge each other non-resident fees, so we all can use the most convenient pool, as often as possible, and get to know neighbors from other communities better.

Kensingtonians may wish to contribute by proposing a future \$1 million bond we need for a therapeutic pool, to serve the really frail, disabled, arthritis sufferers, etc.

Finally, we all should keep an eye on our City Hall to make sure the facilities are maintained, and replacement funds saved up.

Vote for healthier bodies, healthier minds, and healthier fiscal control.

Anyone who thinks having such a facility available is not worth the extra \$5 a month in taxes, should try out one of these pools first. You owe it to yourself, and you may feel great afterwards and become a regular!

Peter Loubal  
El Cerrito

### Vote no on Knight Initiative

For centuries, Christian church leaders taught that the primary purpose of marriage was procreation.

Since the Vatican Council in 1963, the church now teaches that the primary purpose of marriage is the mutual nurture of the spouses, or some such phrase which conveys the idea of shared spiritual development.

Scientists have evidence which leads them to believe that homosexuality is genetic and occurs in about 10 percent of the population.

In other words, gays and lesbians have no more choice of their sexual preference than do "straights." I do not want to be the one to condemn them to a life of loneliness and/or promiscuity. I believe that homosexuals should be entitled to share their daily lives with a lifetime partner.

Folks quote the Bible to condemn homosexuality (Genesis, chapters 18-19), but some scholars interpret the sin of Sodom as a lack of social justice and disregard for the poor.

This same passage has Lot seeming not to value the care and virtue of his daughters.

In any event, I believe God is a God of compassion who would want people to be able to choose a lifetime partner with whom to share their spiritual development. Please vote no on Proposition 22, the Knight Initiative.

Joan Bartulovich  
El Cerrito

### Renew lease for dry cleaner

We are customers of Great American Dry Cleaners, a business owned by Jennie and James Koo.

El Cerrito Plaza has the power under their mutual agreement with their tenants, Longs Drug Store and Albertsons, to consent or not consent to the renewal of Great American Dry Cleaner's lease.

We ask you to consider your role in the community and please show your accountability and support for local businesses who are also your customers.

If you decide you must plan for an eventual phase out of on-site dry cleaning at El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center, we feel you should at least allow Jennie and James Koo to continue their dry cleaning business for another 10 to 15 years. In light of the new dry cleaning equipment and materials available on the market, as well as the availability of insurance for any possible past risk, we feel it is unjustifiable to refuse to renew their lease.

We strongly urge you to renew their lease as an on-premise dry cleaner.

Please keep us informed of this matter.

Femi and Kathryn Sonuga  
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— Thomas Jefferson, 1787



## Adams Middle School academies coming on line

This is an exciting and dynamic time to be a student at Adams Middle School.

Adams was among the first schools in the nation to be awarded a federal Innovative Programs Grant, which amounts to \$1.4 million. Starting in September 2000, Adams will change from one traditional middle school into a group of five interest-based academies, including: Applied Communications Education (ACE); Business, Economics, Service and Technology (BEST); History, Culture and Language (HCAL); Science and Humanities (SH); and Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA).

Students in all academies will study the same core course content (English, math, science, history) but in different ways, depending on their choice of academy. Elective classes expanding on each of these five themes will be open to all students regardless of the academy they have chosen as their schedules allow.

What will the academy program mean to students?

All academies are responsible for teaching the core curriculum according to state and district standards. The content of the core classes is the same in all academies. What is different is the way in which the content is taught. Students will be taught their core subjects through the focus of their chosen academy.

**ACE:** An emphasis on communication with electives such as yearbook, newspaper, electronic news gathering, computer animation or photography.

**BEST:** Business focus to the core classes. Students will be exposed to job and career opportunities and be involved with the student store, home appliance repair, computer building and repair, office work, etc. Connection will be made between the class-

room to the work world.

**HCAL:** A rigorous academic experience based on classical studies. Students will select and develop many of their own topics, projects, problems, goals and inquiry. An exploration of Latin and the classical works will be emphasized.

**SH:** Students will have the opportunity to examine the world through the eyes of a detective. Understanding scientific facts that are the foundation of science fiction works such as "Jurassic Park" and "Star Wars." Students will study new discoveries in science and predict their effects on the world of tomorrow.

**VAPA:** Students will use the arts (writing, acting, singing, dance, instrumental music, paint, weaving or drawing) as a focus, and as a way of looking at the world and studying all the core subjects through this method of expression.

What will the academy program mean to parents and to the community?

By dividing the school into five smaller academies, teachers, parents and community members will have greater opportunities for open communication and active participation.

The PTA will be working with the teachers and staff to set up communication avenues to explain how the academies and the new electives will be structured, and explain the important role of parents and the community in the success of each academy. Check the PTA voice-message box in the next few months to receive information about the academies.

Adams was the only school out of the 17 federal grants awarded last year where the actual grant proposal was written up and submitted by the staff at the school site. Funds from the fed-

## West County School Watch

By Connie Chan Kucera

eral grant have been used primarily for staff development, curriculum development, and the purchase of materials and supplies necessary for the new classes. The teachers have worked hard this school year to create a middle school in which students will have the opportunity to explore new interests and find programs that respond to his/her needs, interests and abilities. Come join us in the common goal of making Adams a school that enriches the lives of its students, parents and community!

The Adams Middle School PTA has a voice-message box. To reach it, call 464-1360. At the main greeting, enter 70#. This will connect you to the PTA's voice-message box. Record your message and hit the # key. It's that easy!

Use this message box for questions about PTA activities, volunteering, and general questions or comments. We will update the greeting frequently with PTA information. This voice-message box is part of the Classlink system in which every teacher has a personal mailbox.

Want to receive West County School Watch and other action alerts on local school issues delivered to your e-mail address? Send the message "Subscribe" to [pakglan@aol.com](mailto:pakglan@aol.com). Back issues of West County School Watch and other items can be found on the West County School Watch Web site: <http://www.igc.org/westcounty/>

## Be prepared a fitting motto in earthquake country

Doug Donaldson gets a bit dejected when he thinks of the difficulty of getting people to prepare for a disaster that is now predicted to come between 2000 and 2030.

Then he brightens a bit as he remembers the success of last April's Earthquake Preparedness Day's focus on the strapping of water heaters, when he and other members of the Earthquake Preparedness Program—EQPP also known as Equip—went house to house to remind people and offer advice and help. The risk is great, Donaldson says, especially here where we are squarely on the Hayward fault.

He smiles as he compares people's attitudes to the 70 percent risk we live with, and the million-to-one chance of winning the lottery—very little is done about preparedness, but millions of lottery tickets are purchased. This April, EQPP will focus on the need for a family plan.

It would take about an hour for a family to formulate a disaster plan. This would include an out-of-state person the family could call for information about each other, places where they could meet, ways of evacuating the home, etc.

If each person in the family becomes familiar with the plan, the likelihood of anyone being stranded alone becomes less and less. Donaldson is dedicated to the work of EQPP in Albany.

He sees it as vital to the well-being of the city and the people who live here.

Donaldson is co-chair of EQPP with Paula Gray, and has been a member of the Steering Committee since 1994. A self-employed environmental planner with a home office operation in Albany since 1985, Donaldson says he loves his work and his community activities.

He has worked for his environmental consultant for his entire career, beginning with a summer job in law school. He is a certified planner as well as a lawyer.

Some of his current and recent projects are familiar to all of us: Environmental studies for the Yosemite Area Regional Transit system; the University Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing in Berkeley; the Civic Center Park Plan in Berkeley; plus new post office buildings in Northern and Southern California, a residential subdivision in Pittsburg and water system pipeline upgrades in Pacifica and Half Moon Bay.

He is married to Pat Donaldson, a teacher in Albany schools since 1970 and currently teaching at Ocean View school.

Their son, Eric, is a student at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. Donaldson says his son is thoroughly enjoying college.

In addition to his work with EQPP, Donaldson is chair of the Albany Zoning Code Revision Committee, which sounds sort of boring, but during the first year of its life has studied interesting questions such as tree houses, the appeals process and other matters that are bread-and-butter issues.

The committee's studies and recommendations make it easier for the city to handle these problems. We return to the always pending Great

Earthquake, and what EQPP believes can be done to prepare for it.

As noted, April 8 will be Family Preparedness Day. April is Earthquake Preparedness Month for obvious reasons.

EQPP is encouraging neighborhood meetings, block parties (they like the idea of parties) and any other way of getting people together to know each other and each others needs.

EQPP feels that families should have plans, but that neighborhoods should plan so that they can help each other during the crisis.

Strapping water heaters and family and neighborhood planning are not the only things that must be done, but by concentrating on one aspect of the preparedness plans, EQPP finds it gets more response from the community.

Donaldson speaks of other things, such as extra water, clothing, blankets, food, flashlights, batteries and all the other things that should be ready, preferably outside, probably in a garage can with a cover.

The house should be fastened to its foundation. In addition to stressing earthquake preparedness, EQPP "seeks to work with local government, schools, businesses and the rest of the community to ensure earthquake safety and enhance our collective ability to respond appropriately to an earthquake emergency."

EQPP, says Donaldson, is part of a growing statewide network of neighborhood disaster preparedness groups, including a number in the Bay Area.

Formed in May, 1994, EQPP grew out of the grassroots ALERT (Albany Local Emergency Readiness Teams) program founded in 1990 by citizen volunteers.

By 1992, there were about 16 organized blocks in the city.

With the impetus provided by the city's hiring of Albany's first Disaster Coordinator, Dave Simpson, the Fire Department Training Modules, and simply word of mouth, the number of active blocks grew to 36 in 1994.

## Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

A citywide meeting on earthquake preparedness held in April 1994 led to the formation of EQPP with Robert and Valerie Cheasty as first co-chairs. EQPP remains true to its roots as a block-by-block neighborhood organization.

Block captains and co-captains are the core of the organization.

They are supported by a Steering Committee consisting of knowledgeable resource people and the volunteer coordinators for each of six sectors of the city. EQPP has accomplished a great deal in spite of the lack of interest that sometimes makes Donaldson despondent.

Members continue to work with the city, the fire department and the schools to encourage earthquake preparedness.

Donaldson maintains a slide show and presentation of "Earthquake 101," and "Home Interior Hazard Reduction," that he is eager to share with Albany residents and their neighbors.

Call 524-4835 to schedule a presentation. And take part in Family Preparedness Day on April 8, and watch for the city's Disaster Policy Advisory Council and its plan to develop and implement a certification program for disaster service workers.

And become a volunteer: invite your neighbors to come together and act for improved disaster preparedness on your block.

You'll be glad you did.

Thank you, Pat Cappel, for suggesting Doug Donaldson and the EQPP. I learned a great deal and I think our readers will, also.

As always, I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, activities, organizations, travel, etc.

Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, Ca., 94706, or call 525-4585.

My e-mail is [clrgenser@aol.com](mailto:clrgenser@aol.com).

## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

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### Albany PTA Council

■ Feb. 28, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library, agenda items: Parent Involvement/Volunteer Management; District Safety Committee Report; Parcel Tax Steering Committee Report; Parent University. All members of the AHS community invited.

■ March 11, AHS curriculum meeting with Assistant Superintendent Marianne Champ, 10 a.m.-noon, Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe, El Cerrito

■ March 25, Parent University, 8:30 a.m.-noon, AMS Library; a day of workshops for parents of elementary, middle school and high school students. 8:30 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. keynote speaker; 10 a.m. workshop; 11 a.m., workshop.

### Albany High School

■ SCRIP orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip (800-400-7878). We are selling Natural Grocery scrip. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429. E-mail Linda at [cho.pri.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pri.lo@cho.org), or Belinda at [belum@pacbell.net](mailto:belum@pacbell.net)

■ Needed: Seamstresses or sewers for spring musical, "Once Upon a Mattress." Gail Starr at 524-0612, or Cheryl Nichols at 524-6609

■ Needed: Gallery space to rent for Annual Art Show at end of May. Call Sarah Samonsky at 559-6550, ext. 4125, or e-mail Sarah at [bebb62@cs.com](mailto:bebb62@cs.com)

■ March 2, Instructional Im-

provement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

■ March 6, PTA meeting, 7:15 PM, AHS Library

■ March 10-12, "Once Upon a Mattress," AHS Little Theater

### Albany Middle School

■ URGENT: Noontime volunteers needed Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. If you can only volunteer for one hour, that is OK. Call Vice Principal Sara Danielson at 558-3616.

■ SCRIP orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip (800-400-7878). We are selling Natural Grocery scrip. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018 or

■ Linda Okamoto at 525-6782. E-mail Linda at [cho.pri.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pri.lo@cho.org).

■ March 2, sixth-grade ESL luncheon, volunteers needed, call Dolores Dalton at 527-7570 or e-mail Dolores at [kevlb@aol.com](mailto:kevlb@aol.com).

■ March 2, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library.

### Cornell Elementary School

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chased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl SCRIP for sale Wednesday and Friday, from 8:15-8:45 a.m., and Wednesday after school.

March 5, Silly Olympics Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Call Mark Priven at 559-8393, or e-mail Mark at [privwest@pacbell.net](mailto:privwest@pacbell.net)

### Marin Elementary School

■ SCRIP before Monday and Friday mornings for school, at early and late-office times. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Albertson's scrip may be purchased at school.

■ Reminder: Please remember to save and turn in General Mills box-tops for education to office.

■ March 9, PTA meeting, 7 PM, Marin Multi-Purpose Room

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# Election 2000

## Assembly candidates to face off twice

By Kate Darby Rauch

Democratic Assemblywoman Dion Aroner will face Republican challenger Gerald Udinsky in the March 7th primary — and then will compete again in the November general election.

That's because the state open primary places all candidates on the same ballot. The leading candidate from each party moves on to the general election.

Since Aroner and Udinsky, both Berkeley residents, have no opponents from their own parties, they will automatically be the nominees for the November election.

They are competing in the East Bay's 14th Assembly District, where economic good times have not helped the lives of all residents.

The economy is one of several major issues facing whoever wins the district's state assembly seat.

The 14th District covers parts of Alameda, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, Oakland, Richmond, San Pablo and the unincorporated communities of Kensington, North Richmond and El Sobrante.

A third candidate on the ballot, Libertarian Daniel Burton of Berkeley, dropped out of the race.

Oakland, Richmond and San Pablo continue to fight poverty and have a growing number of working poor. The cost of housing is escalating in the region, forcing out many longtime residents.

There is job growth, but many people lack the qualifications or training for well-paid positions.

Another issue is the ongoing effort to help welfare recipients move into the job market. In addition to needing job training, many require assistance with child care, which is lacking.

Other local issues include freeway congestion, including on the recently expanded Interstate 80 corridor, retrofitting of public schools and buildings, refinery safety, housing sprawl in areas near El Sobrante, and public school teacher shortages.

Education in general is a major

concern in the district. The Oakland and West Contra Costa Unified school districts have severe budget constraints and were at the bottom of the list in the recent state performance tests.

The winner also will have to deal with numerous controversial statewide issues, including gay rights, managing the flow of immigration, reducing urban crime, and preserving open space in the face of population growth.

### DION ARONER

Party: Democrat

Age: 55

City: Berkeley

Occupation: Assemblywoman

Education: UC-Berkeley

**Background:** Assemblywoman since 1996. Chairwoman of the Assembly Human Services Committee, former social worker, former chief of staff to Assemblyman Tom Bates.

Says budget surplus should be spent on education, including recruiting and retaining qualified teachers. A "prudent reserve" should be maintained for lawsuits against the state. Infrastructure improvements, hospital retrofitting and health-care funding are priorities.

Opposes the Knight Initiative, which would recognize legal marriage only between a man and a woman "because it discriminates against one group of people." The initiative is "a wedge issue that can only divide us."

Opposes repeal of Prop. 10, the 50-cents-per-pack tax on tobacco products earmarked for funding programs for young children.

"The state should designate sufficient resources from Prop. 10 and the National Tobacco Settlement to discourage smoking, especially by young people."

Says the state should raise teacher salaries to help make teaching a desirable profession, invest in programs to enhance teachers' skills and "take

a leading role" in educating and training teachers with emergency credentials to make them fully credentialed.

Supports campaign finance reform that must include free access to airwaves and public financing of campaigns.

### GERALD UDINSKY

Party: Republican

Age: 54

City: Oakland

Occupation: Business economist

Education: UC-Berkeley

**Background:** Member of the California Republican League and the California Congress of Republicans, active in the Alameda County Republican Party.

Favors using the state surplus to lower taxes.

"We've been overtaxed; the government has charged us for government services more than it should have."

Opposes the Knight Initiative. Says it may not be constitutional. Also says it's unnecessary because California already defines marriage as between men and women only.

Says Prop. 10 should be repealed.

"I'm against these numerous small taxes that lead to a growth of government."

Says he does not think the state should do anything regarding the teacher shortage. "It's a local government problem." But says teachers should be paid and respected more. It's especially important to pay math and science teachers more to compete with private jobs.

Opposes restrictions on campaign contributions. "However, there should be complete disclosure of all contributions available on the Internet."

## Quality-of-life issues drive Senate race in 9th District

By Kate Darby Rauch

Congested freeways, poor public school performance and oil refinery safety are three hot issues in state Senate District 9.

The 9th District includes Oakland, Piedmont, Alameda, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, San Pablo and Richmond, along with the unincorporated communities of El Sobrante, Kensington and North Richmond.

Because they are unopposed in the primary, the incumbent, Don Perata, an Oakland Democrat, Linda Marshall, an Oakland Republican, and James Eyer, an Oakland Libertarian, automatically are nominated and will face off in November.

It's a time of mixed sentiments about quality of life in the district.

While the state economy continues its upswing and some people enjoy growing wealth, not everyone is on that list.

Oakland, Richmond and San Pablo continue to fight poverty and a growing number of working poor. The cost of area housing is escalating, pushing many longtime residents to move away.

The Oakland and West Contra Costa Unified school districts have severe budget constraints, and fared at the bottom of the list in the state recent school performance tests.

Jobs are growing in the region, including some in well-paid fields such as the high-tech industry, but many urban poor lack the training or qualifications for these positions.

Other local issues include retrofitting public schools and buildings, urban crime, housing sprawl in rural areas near El Sobrante and public school teacher shortages.

It's also a time of numerous controversial state issues, including public education funding, gay rights, managing the flow of immigration, regulating foreign trade and preserving open space in the face of population growth.

**Education:** Took courses in graphic art at UC-Berkeley Extension

**Background:** Active in the First Covenant Church of Oakland, secretary of the Alameda County Republican Party. Ran and lost for 16th Assembly in 1998

Says state budget surplus should first go to pay off debts and complete projects in the works, then spend what's left on highway improvements and school facilities. Consider lowering taxes.

In favor of the Knight Initiative, making marriage legal only between a man and a woman.

Opposes repeal of Prop. 10, 50 cent per pack tobacco products tax earmarked for programs for young children. Says government should not get involved in personal decisions, but supports taxing cigarettes if the funds help defray health expenses linked to smoking.

Supports planned growth, but opposes social engineering.

"I love the idea of open space; I hate the idea of government owning the open space." Accepts need for housing but opposes developers who don't care for local concerns.

Supports limiting and reporting campaign contributions.

"It helps keep us accountable as to where the money is from and who is backing us."

### JAMES EYER

Party: Libertarian

Age: 41

City: Oakland

Occupation: Senior analyst, electrical utility company

Education: Sonoma State

**Background:** Years of experience in utilities management, focusing on renewable resources. Never held political office.

Would use state budget surplus to seek tax cuts and/or tax credits for small businesses. Prefers to focus on creating a "more cost-effective, appropriately sized government overall."

Supports marriage for anyone. Doesn't think society should regu-

late individual beliefs or personal behavior.

Supports repeal of Prop. 10.

Says the government should remain neutral on personal behavior. Society should, "refrain from requiring government to protect citizens from themselves," or to expect government to assist with parenting.

Advocates establishing regional forums to discuss sprawl from the perspectives of people directly involved. Forums would coordinate with governmental decision-makers.

Thinks campaign contributions shouldn't be regulated. Supports voluntary disclosures of campaign contributions. "Citizens should be given the information to judge the appropriateness of contributions."

### DON PERATA

Party: Democrat

Age: 54

City: Oakland

Occupation: District 9 state senator, Formerly a teacher in Alameda

Education: St. Mary's College of Moraga

**Background:** Alameda County supervisor for eight years, assemblyman for two years.

Says budget surplus should go into education. "Higher teacher salaries and per-pupil spending at the top of the national average should be our goals."

Opposes the Knight Initiative, which would legally recognize marriage only between a man and a woman.

Opposes repeal of Prop. 10, the 50-cents-per-pack tax on tobacco products earmarked for programs for young children.

Says the state has an obligation to prevent sprawl by creating incentives to build housing in urban areas, "such as prioritizing transportation resources to communities meeting their housing needs and creating jobs-to-housing ratio standards."

Opposes limits on campaign contributions without at least some public financing of campaigns.

## Poll workers needed

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters is in urgent need of poll workers for the March 7 Direct Primary Election. Workers are needed in Berkeley and in other cities within Alameda County.

To serve as an election officer, a person must be registered to vote in Alameda County and must be available to work from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. on March 7. People serving earn \$75 per day as a clerk or judge, and \$107.50 for serving as a precinct inspector.

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### LINDA MARSHALL

Party: Republican

Age: 52

City: Oakland

Occupation: Graphic artist

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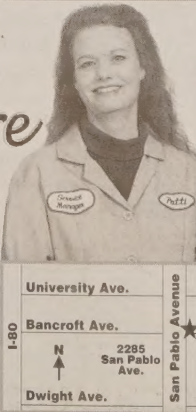
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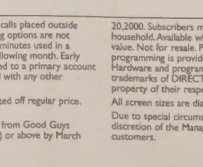
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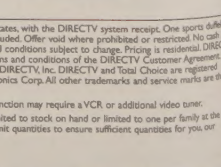
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# Chamber chief praises El Cerrito Council

Local officials drew high praise from newly installed El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce President Michael Klinger, who cited the City Council's "prompt and enthusiastic acceptance" of a report calling for establishment of an economic development program here.

In a letter sent to each individual council member, Klinger pointed out that chamber members who served on the task force that developed the report were "very encouraged by the council's obvious determination to move forward with all possible speed."

The task force report outlined many things which needed to be accomplished during the first few years of the proposed economic development program, the chamber president said, adding, "Some of these tasks can be quickly and easily accomplished while others will be difficult and require more time to complete."

Saying that someone or some groups must look over what needs to be done to build an effective economic development program in El Cerrito and then develop a work schedule that makes sense, Klinger wrote the council that "It is the feeling of our task force representatives that this can best be done not by the City Council—whose responsibility is making policy—but by people who are experts in the field of economic development. The economic development manager and the proposed El Cerrito Economic Development Commission."

"We are pleased to see the city is already moving forward on the job of finding a manager. The chamber is more than pleased to be playing an active role in this selection process."

"We strongly urge the council to now move forward by putting together an economic development commission."

Once in place, Klinger added, the manager and the commission can set priorities for both the long- and short-term efforts and, in effect, produce a list of concrete goals.

According to the chamber chief, a clear picture of what the goals are is vital to tracking the effectiveness of the program.

"I sincerely believe," he wrote, "that most chamber members feel constant monitoring of progress made in achieving the desired goals is essential if this program is to be of real value to this community and its residents."

"At the same time, those of our members who served on the task force believe it would be unrealistic and unfair to expect too much too soon."

In closing, Klinger wrote that most chamber members are pleased the City Council has already indicated its

intention of putting the proposed economic development program to the test of cost benefit analysis, and of financing the program incrementally.

"We are delighted," he wrote, "that we have a city council that wants to know exactly what the taxpayer is going to get for his money, and a council that wants to go slow in doling out public funds."

"If past councils had followed this policy, perhaps the city would not be in the poor financial position it now finds itself."

"We feel that you cannot go wrong by requiring that any program that needs city funds be realistic and have goals that are both measurable and obtainable."

## Lunch deadline today

Chamber members and their guests have until the close of business today to make arrangements to attend next Monday's business luncheon at Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern, 6115 Potrero Ave.

Guest speaker for this noon session will be Mayor Pro tem Larry Damon, who will present a program titled "The Case For Measure A."

Measure A on the March 7 city ballot calls on property owners to pay roughly \$58 annually for the next 20 years to renovate the El Cerrito Swim Center as well as rehabilitate Canyon Trail Clubhouse, restore restrooms at Huber, Pointsett and Harding parks, and establish a dedicated fund with mandatory yearly contributions from the General Fund to finance the maintenance and replacement of capital city facilities.

Reservations for this event are required and may be made by telephoning the chamber office at 233-7040 by 4 p.m. today.

## Reinvestments roll in

Chamber Manager Sewall Glintermick urged members to pay their year 2000 dues, and reported that reinvestments are coming in "at a rapid rate."

He added that in the past few weeks since statements were mailed out, 81 firms, individuals and organizations have shown support for the chamber by reinvesting in the organization for another year.

These supporters include: Plaza Auto Service, Superprint, Pacific Academy Nomura School, Fast-Serve Medical, Alan Caruso Insurance, Reflections Hair Design, The Gate Media Group, Mail Boxes Etc., R. H. Anderson Co., El Cerrito Florist, Prudential Real Estate, House of Carpets, El Cerrito Plaza Co., Fraternal Order of Eagles, El Cerrito Art Association. Discount Mart, Windrush

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Glintermick said this week that the business group's leaders have agreed to hold the March business session at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, March 14. Reservations

are required, and can be made through March 9 by telephoning the chamber office at 233-7040.

Guest speaker for this event will be El Cerrito Mayor Mark Friedman.

The subject of his talk will be "Where Do We Go From Here With Economic Development?"

## Round-up deadline nears

Local merchants will have until next Wednesday, March 1, to reserve space in the special advertising supplement designed to promote the upcoming El Cerrito Chamber citywide Round Up Sale Days.

The Spring Round Up Sale will be staged by merchants throughout El Cerrito on Thursday-Sunday, March 23-March 26.

In order to assure the success of this event the chamber has arranged with Hills Newspapers to print and distribute the special sale tabloid to more than 46,000 readers from Crockett to Berkeley in the March 23 edition of Family Fair, and the March 24 issues of The Journal and Berkeley Voice.

Advertising space in the sale supplement will sell for a combined rate of only \$15.30 per column inch. Merchants purchasing a half page or larger will be entitled to free editorial space or a picture to promote their business.

A portion of each dollar spent on advertising will be rebated to the chamber to help finance its business promotion efforts throughout the year.

Members of the business community interested in participating in this promotion may make space reservations by calling John Crane at 262-2756 or Ian Tattenham at 262-2751.

## El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glintermick

## Measure A

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made no commitment to vote its approval.

Rosenfeld and Friedman also talked for some time about nearby Tehiyah School where a new gymnasium is planned that has some neighbors concerned.

One resident, Sam Pedone, however, not only supported the tax measure, he gave Friedman a \$5 donation for the "yes on Measure A" fund.

El Cerrito Monica Kamio was out gardening in her front yard with husband Shotaro and daughter Francesca when Friedman stopped to talk.

After hearing the Measure A pitch, Kamio said "I have a 3-year-old little girl who will love to use the Swim Center," Kamio said while reading the Measure A literature Friedman handed her.

"Will it raise our taxes?" Kamio asked. She was favorably disposed to the measure after talking to Friedman.

In the days just before the pri-

mary election, residents who committed to voting for Measure A will receive follow-up phone calls, Friedman said.

Then on March 7, Friedman said the "gotv" (get out the vote) effort will kick in. Measure A supporters will give voters a ride to the polls if needed, and will make more phone calls encouraging people to get to the polls.

Following Friedman around the neighborhood hills of El Cerrito, it was clear he enjoys talking to people and feels Measure A is important to the city.

"You get a good workout, particularly in the hillier parts of town," Friedman said. He wore tennis shoes and a straw hat and was trying to get out his pro-Measure-A message during a lull in the Bay Area rains. Friedman talked to neighbors not only about Measure A but also about other concerns.

"The important thing is to be friendly to everyone," he said while walking from one porch to the next, a cloth bag full of brochures slung over one shoulder.

## PTA

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### Ocean View Elementary School

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■ March 2, PTA meeting, 7 p.m.,

Ocean View Library, child-care available.

### AUSD Board of Education

March 14, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

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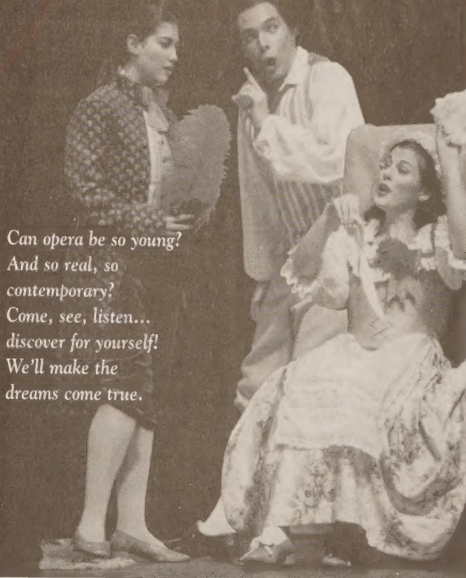
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As proposed, the four-hour restrictions would apply to one side of the street and neighborhood residents would pay \$5 for a city-issued sticker exempting them from the four-hour limit.

At least two council members, Councilwoman Janet Abelson and Councilman Larry Damon were inclined to do away with the \$5 sticker fee for special parking zones in the city.

Damon spoke strongly against the

fee, calling it "vexatious."

Damon also discussed the possibility of enforcing four-hour zones on both sides of the streets nearer to BART while leaving the more distant streets unrestricted. He wanted to know the rationale for the proposed one-side-of-the-street parking restrictions.

There were also concerns about how the new zones would affect parking and traffic near Harding Elementary School and that neighborhood residents may be unaware of the proposed parking changes.

A community meeting to discuss the parking plan in detail was suggested by members of the public.

"The idea that was expressed about a community meeting, I think, is a good one," Abelson told her colleagues.

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Perhaps the most appropriate way to explain Benoit's, dynamic and diverse approach to music is as a cross between Bill Evans and Henry Mancini who were both major influences. Realizing his boyhood dream of becoming a famous jazz performer tells only part of his story, however. His irresistible melodies, flair for symphonic grace and solid arranging skills have led Benoit to branch out beyond his recordings into the worlds of film and television scoring, conducting symphonies and even composing his own classical ballet, *Kobe*, about a young girl growing up in Japan after the bombing of Hiroshima.

His GRP recordings encompass a wide range of jazz inflected styles, from contemporary pop to straight ahead bebop. From orchestral to hip-hop. Highlights include 1988's *Every Step of the Way*, nominated for a Grammy in the Best Jazz Fusion

category, 1989's *Waiting For Spring*, which for eight weeks was at the top of the Billboard traditional jazz chart, and 1992's *Letter to Evan*, a heartfelt tribute to Bill Evans. Benoit was also a charter member of smooth jazz supergroup *The Rippingtons*, and reunited with Ripp's leader *Russ Freeman* on 1994's hit *The Benoit/Freeman Project*. He also participated in the popular GRP All-star *Big Band* projects.

Benoit's first major film scoring project was the Warner Brothers feature *The Stars Fell on Henrietta*, while his television composing resume has included music for NBC's *Sisters*, *Shannon's Deal*, and *This is America*, *Charlie Brown*, as well as writing the new theme for ABC's daytime hit *All my Children*. Most recently, he scored the film *Perfect Game* and the CBS television movies *The Legend of Cadillac Jack* and *Final Descent*. Benoit recently added the *San Jose Symphony* to his list of conducting credits, which also includes the *Los Angeles Philharmonic* and the city symphonies of San Francisco, Atlanta, and San Antonio. His current involvement as a guest educator with the *Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation* has taken him into music classrooms throughout the country, sharing the "gospel" of jazz with young people.

If Benoit's 1997 recording *American Landscape* was an immensely personal soul search in the wake of his mother's passing, the funky and whimsical *Professional Dreamer* is a distinct reconnection to the great joys of life in the wake of

the storm. The rhythmic landscape of the genre which made him a star has slanted decidedly urban over the past decade, and keeping fresh, hip, and contemporary was foremost on Benoit's mind.

Though Benoit traditionally writes and produces his own material, he chose to collaborate with longtime friend Rick Braun on the project. Braun is not only one of instrumental music's biggest stars of the '90s (his 1995 hit *Beat Street* was *The Gavin Report's* Smooth Jazz Album of the Year) but he is also a top producer, having helmed best-selling projects for flamenco duo *Willie & Lobo*, *Avenue Blue* featuring *Jeff Golub*, and saxophonist *Bryan Savage*.

"I felt like it had been a long time since I created an album that was more about just having fun jamming than about making a heavy statement," says Benoit. "I wanted to reflect where I am now spiritually with an overall lighthearted, upbeat and optimistic vibe. I knew Rick could help me create a slightly new twist on my usual style. He's easy to get along with, a very intelligent producer who knows what today's listeners find exciting. We built tunes which combined both of our sensibilities, mine the sensitive piano guy, his the streetwise funky cat. I've gone through more of life's shifting sands these past two years than any other time of my life, and I wanted the album to be a springboard into a happier time."

Professional Dreamer features six songs produced by Braun (five of which he co-wrote with Benoit) and four by Benoit with longtime engineer, *Clark Germain*. Braun's slick soul sensibilities jibe perfectly with Benoit's pop meets retro-fusion ideas on the bluesy boogie-woogie flavored track "Why Not?", (featuring

Benoit on Hammond B-3, smoky hip-hop flavored "Dark" (a tribute to Miles Davis), turning Braun on muted trumpet the swinging "Rejoice," and Rufus guitarist Tony Madison, mer *Kilauea* saxophonist *Suzuki* jam with Benoit on piano melody over a slow groove on the similarly named "Jump Start."

The Benoit-produced tunes are memorable as any he's ever written from the whimsical reflection "Golden Gate" to the lively piece "Thinking 'Bout The City" and he draws upon his vast catalog and film scoring experience to enhance the beautiful piano of "Dad's Room," a testament to his father's courage in the face of loss of his wife. The hauntingly beautiful "Gothic Jazz" stretches his contemporary boundaries into the classical Latin realms. Ever the team player, Benoit and Braun work with some of Los Angeles' acclaimed session musicians including guitarist *Pat Kelley*, *Jimmy Johnson*, *Neil Stubbs*, and *Cliff Hugo*, and drummer *David Palmer*, *Vinnie Colaiuta*, *John Ferraro*. In addition, a guitarist and popular contemporary jazz star *Marc Antoine* adds energy to the lilting "Something Said."

"For me, it has always been tant to explore all the possibilities of music and find ways to express them," says Benoit. "I have all different sides of myself and musical background that I want to express. As a pianist, I play jazz, both fusion and straight ahead, while as a composer, there's always a need to explore new sounds, always trying to take the music all I've done in the past and them to a higher level."

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Do I dare give out my recipe for our famous Gnocchi? Well, Sergio didn't agree, but it is the one thing I love to do at the restaurant and almost the ONLY thing since our daughter came down a few times a week to make about 30 pounds at me 2 hours from beginning to end. I learned to use both hands the same time to roll them out. I think that what happens is become a mother. If you happen to make them, rest assured they are always the menu. I did redo my recipe which I never because that is the Italian way. I did a kitchen test on this and it came out just perfect.

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5 medium size russet potatoes (approx. 5 lbs)  
2 eggs  
1 lb. flour  
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3 tsp. salt

#### PREPARATION

In a large pot, boil potatoes on high heat until cooked. It is important not to puncture the potatoes. That way they absorb less water. After potatoes are cooked, peel and pass through potato ricer, being certain no lumps are left. Salt. Spread flour around the ricer and immediately work the ingredients into a nice dough. Roll the dough into strips and cut into 3/4 inch pieces. Gently move fingers on cut sides into dumplings. Drizzle flour when needed for workability. Place onto cookie sheet and freeze until ready to cook. Cook in boiling water. When the gnocchi have come to the top they are done. To drain, scoop them from the hot water. They will not stick together.

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THINK MODERN, a specialty store featuring classic mid-twentieth century moderne home furnishings, is located in the restored Italianate building originally built in 1926 by Mason McDuffie.

The present owner, Mayer Shacter, was a major figure in ceramic art for almost thirty years and used this building as his studio, creating noted pottery that is in many public and private collections including the Oakland Museum, the Everson Museum of Art and the legendary director John Huston.

In 1988 Shacter's career interest shifted, and he became a full time antique dealer. He maintains a large showroom for 18th and 19th century American, European, and Asian antiques at Collectivo Antiques of San Mateo. Drawn to pieces that are simple, elegant and beautifully crafted, Shacter selects and restores every piece himself.

He needed a showroom for his growing collection of fine mid-century modern design, including furniture and decorative arts. Then in 1998 he found out about Oakland's Commercial Property Facade Improvement Program, in which the city will match funds up to \$10,000 and provide architects to restore historic storefronts. Shacter took advantage of the program and redesigned the Facade to turn part of his Oakland workshop into a retail store, which he

calls THINK MODERN.

The new store features furniture, art glass, studio ceramics, lighting, textiles, fine arts, and ethnic art from the 1920's through the 1960's. "People are taking a more critical look at the last century" said Shacter, "The Art Deco period was from 1925 to 1940 but people are discovering the great look of the mid century design of 20 or 30 years later." I carry quality pieces from great designers such as Hans Wegner, Harry Bertoia, Charles Eames and Gilbert Rohde. Furniture and lighting pieces start at \$150 up to \$2500 for a Danish Modern dining room set.

"It is not just a store-It's an attitude!" Said Shacter, "Modern design is a new way of thinking, a retro return to the past and a bridge to the future."

When asked why he chose antiques and restoration as his first love, he said: "Whether it is restoring antiques, or restoring homes to their original splendor, the single most important characteristic in my life is the desire to leave things better than I found them."

Shacter looks affectionately at his three loyal canine companions "and that includes my three rescued dogs that are a very important part of my life. I make sure their life is better than when I found them!"

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# The consequences of things that go plop in the night

"Doin' the Raccoon" was a popular song in the 1920s and referred to one of the lively dances Americans enjoyed in our most carefree decade.

Now the masked marauders have turned the tables and are doin' us. They are raiding garbage cans, living under houses, breaking into attics, digging up lawns, and endangering us with rabies and a lethal parasite.

Of course raccoons always did this, but their numbers have increased greatly in recent years. Not only have the suburbs moved into raccoon country, but the animal rights crowd has succeeded in stopping many municipalities and counties from relocating or destroying them.

Two years ago, Alameda County's Vector Control Services switched from controlling raccoons to advising people on how to live with them. Berkeley's Animal Services—which Albany employs—quit catching and killing raccoons in 1997. Until then, Animal Control officers used to snuff about a dozen of the furry fellows a week, according to Sgt. Dwyane Williams.

The agency still responds to calls about sick, injured, or dead animals, and has many informative pamphlets on coexisting with raccoons.

My interest in the little rascals stems from my youth in rural New England, where my father's hobby was feeding them. He used to pack the car with old bread and other bakery products which he bought for 50 cents a bag. And every evening he fed anywhere from a dozen to 20 or more raccoons.

Some would eat out of my father's hand, and others sat on the roof over his head and reached little paws down for their food. He called this "curb service." We had to be careful to keep the screen door locked or mama raccoon and the kids would open it and barge right in.

Although these animals often engage in loud bawling, the evening feeding was generally peaceful even when a skunk came to dine. Adult raccoons treated them with deference, but obstreperous youngsters occasionally qualified for chemical behavior modification which cast a pall over the party.

One of my unpleasant jobs was cleaning the raccoon droppings off the roof and out of the gutters. It was only while doing some research for this column that I learned that I had been at risk from a parasitic round worm in their feces.

This worm is called baylisascaris procyonis and is extremely common in raccoons although it usually does not bother them much. However, if it does, an adult animal may become aggressive as do rabid creatures. A large raccoon once attacked my father in daylight—when they are seldom seen—and bit him severely. The animal was not rabid, and may

have had this parasite.

Humans are most endangered by the roundworm eggs which raccoons excrete. We can ingest them as do birds and many other mammals, including dogs. When the eggs hatch, the larvae migrate through the host's tissues, doing damage and attacking the central nervous system and the eyes.

An ophthalmologic exam may detect the larvae. Other symptoms are fever, respiratory problems, loss of coordination, lethargy, and stupor which can be followed by coma and death.

The brain of a year-old child in Pacific Grove who ate raccoons feces was permanently damaged. There is no treatment for this dis-

ease, which is called neural larva migrans.

Small children who play on the ground and put objects and hands into their mouths are particularly at risk from the parasite. Raccoons usually designate a spot for the latrine, often under a tree or in a woodpile. They did both in my yard.

When cleaning up, be sure to wear disposable gloves and a dust mask as the dried roundworm eggs can be breathed in. Wash your hands well afterwards.

Smelly things like moth balls, ammonia, bleach or chlorine can be applied—but not mixed—to a cleaned space to keep raccoons from returning. The eggs, however,

are extremely resistant to disinfectants and antiseptics and will contaminate an area for several years or more.

To discourage raccoons, secure garbage cans, pet doors and pet food. Cover children's sand boxes and play pools—they love water. It is said that moving objects like strings or balloons frighten raccoons.

And you could try bright lights, rubber snakes, and dancing the raccoon to loud Dixieland music. All of the above under a full moon should do the trick.

But if it doesn't, there are pest control companies that trap and relocate raccoons for \$50 to \$120 per animal. You can also rent a hu-

mane trap from Animal Farm Discount Pet Food and Supplies in Berkeley for \$5 a day or buy one for about \$83. Since raccoons are rough customers weighing up to 40 pounds, I would leave the job to a professional.

He also decides where to release the raccoon. Berkeley Animal Services says you can't legally move one more than a quarter mile, which means the brute will probably beat you home. The theory is that if a raccoon is taken further, it will be attacked by other raccoons guarding their turf. The pros say they relocate animals far enough away so they don't come back.

As nature abhors a vacuum—

## Man About Town

By Dave Greer

and loves a raccoon—it may be long before replacement up for the ones you moved out. It probably doesn't pay to let a critter has gotten under your house, into your house, or on the project.

Barring a reversal of the spirit that it is better to do it mode people than raccoons, going to have to learn to live these ringed-tail rogues.

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### Sharyl Gates exhibit

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Gates has designed sets for Sylvester, Ricki Lee Jones and Gamelan Sekar Jaya. She is also a portrait artist, muralist, makeup artist, poet, wife and mom. She has recently designed several CD covers and posters.

She will also be participating in open studios this June in El Cerrito.

Sharyl Gates' exhibit, "Guitars and other Works" will be at Cafe Roma on Hopkins Street in Berkeley with an opening Sunday March 5, featuring the talents of Jack Gates, guitarist/composer.

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## Alameda Craftsman homes rise again

Real Estate Forum



**By  
Rosemary  
Mc Nally**

"Alameda is world-famous for its Craftsman style homes. You'll see them scattered throughout the city."

"The demand for bungalows, the most representative California style of architecture, is on the increase."

From the Alameda Daily Argus, Jan. 18, 1910

Ninety years after the press first took note of the public's love for the Craftsman style, the same homes are trading hands and satisfying discriminating owners. Why are these homes still so attractive?

The answer begins with designer and architect Gustav Stickley, whose turn-of-the-century magazine *The Craftsman* introduced the public to furniture designs and building plans adaptable to individual owners. The designs were simple, durable and in harmony with their natural surroundings.

The Bay Area took to it readily, and so did folks throughout the country — Craftsman principles spread far and wide, and came to be known as Mission and Prairie styles.

In one of architectural history's great serendipities, the Arts and Crafts movement developed at the same time, sup-



1720 CENTRAL AVE. in Alameda is 'an artistic bungalow,' according to original 1915 blueprints.

plying homeowners with simple, durable and natural-feeling light fixtures, window coverings and other furnishings.

The homes and furniture share certain features: Wood beams, wainscoting and built-in cabinets, shelves, and window seats were typical. Here at home, redwood was the wood of choice.

The understated but detailed furniture followed some of the same structural

principles as the building designs. Joinery was visible and part of the beautifully hand-crafted art work.

On the home front, much of the country was investing in industrialization and prefabrication. In response, Craftsman designs were intended for an easygoing lifestyle. From floor plan and materials to the garden, simplicity and structural charm were in demand. Craftsman

builders and buyers wanted homes and furnishings that were made by hand, using natural products.

**It's what's inside that counts**

Artisans working with metals such as copper or brass designed light fixtures. Others devoted time to embroidering

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Owning a Piece of History



**By Mark A.  
Wilson**

"The first and most important physical inspection to obtain is a structural pest control report..."

## Historic home sales hinge on inspections

Say you've got a historic home for sale. How should you go about preparing it for market? Unlike selling a contemporary home, a historic home sale brings unique challenges.

Here's a real-life example to show how such a sale hangs together:

The owner of a home Julia Morgan had built in the 1920s for her mother came to me in 1989 for help in preparing her house for sale. The house was a beauty, on Claremont Avenue in the Oakland hills just above the Claremont Hotel and Resort.

The first thing we did was research this home's history. Just because the owner believed Julia Morgan had built it did not necessarily make it fact. We had

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# Sleek lines, few things make modern homes 'modern'

## But even high modernists love old-fashioned kitchens

By Julie Clairmont  
CORRESPONDENT

A home in the year 2000. We imagined, with the help of Hollywood, that it would be an uncluttered space filled with sleek, shiny, minimalist furniture, a few pieces of some yet-to-be-invented technology, it was presumed, would change the way we live. Computers would automate the home and end the drudgery of household chores. Unfortunately, aside from the vacuum, the latter fantasy has not come true. But the rest of that "2000-age" vision was not so far off. One of today's best trends, some of the area's top designers say, is a simplified approach. Americans are learning that quality, not quantity, is the best approach to appointing a home, says San Francisco designer Michael Vanderbyl.

"People get attached to things, which is good," he says. "But you need to edit. It gets to a point where you have a piece of furniture in every corner and a picture on every wall, and pretty soon, you've got this cacophony of stuff."

Best known as a graphic designer, Vanderbyl's work is part of the permanent collections of the Cooper-Hewitt Museum in New York, the design arm of the Smithsonian Institution, and the San Francisco Museum of Art. He is also a corporate identity expert known for designing showrooms for companies such as Esprit and Robert Talbot Inc., and a furniture designer. Archetype, a line of furniture he designed for Baker Furniture, is the company's best-selling line.

Another proponent of simplicity is Geoffrey De Sousa, one of the top interior designers among San Francisco's elite.

"Many of my longtime clients who used to have very traditional interiors are now paring down," says De Sousa, who owns the De Sousa Hughes studio at the San Francisco Design Center.

His younger clients in their 30s and 40s want to create real homes, not showplaces, he says. "They don't



ELEGANT TABLES, designed by Vanderbyl, are functional and take up little room.

want the kind of rooms you have to rope off. They're purchasing quality furniture and antiques, but they teach their children to respect them."

De Sousa, who worked with designer Agnes Bourne for years before taking over her studio at the design center, is known for mixing classic and modern influences, and his use of natural silks and wools.

A good example of the pared-

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MICHAEL VANDERBYL'S Piedmont home features many personally designed furnishings in a pared-down aesthetic.

## Buyer, seller: What are closing costs, and who pays for them?

The various fees associated with buying or selling a home are called closing costs. Buyers and sellers both pay closing costs but who pays what costs varies from area to area. For example, in Los Angeles, sellers usually pay for title insurance. In Oakland, it's customary for the buyer.

Buyers typically pay the following closing costs: fees charged for obtaining a mortgage; inspection fees; owner's insurance (must be prepaid for one year at closing); transfer taxes if there are any (although the seller may pay these or they may be shared 50-50 between buyer and seller); title insurance and escrow fees (depending on the location); and attorney's fees (where attorneys are involved in the transaction).

Your real estate agent or mortgage broker can tell you which fees are customarily paid for by the buyer in your area and how much they'll cost. Seller's closing costs typically include loan payoff fees; the real estate commission (in some cases, a portion of this may be paid by the buyer); title insurance (depending on location); termite repairs (this is negotiable in some areas); all or part of transfer taxes and escrow fees, if there are any; attorney's fees (where applicable); and other fees set by local custom or negotiated during the transaction.

Sellers can get an accounting of the closing costs they're likely to pay from their listing agent.

The most expensive closing cost buyer pays often is the loan origination fee. Lenders charge points to originate a loan. One point is equal to one percent of the loan amount. On a \$400,000 loan with a 1 point fee, that's \$4,000 to your closing cost. This charge can be eliminated by taking a no-point loan. You'll pay a higher interest rate on a no-point loan, but you'll conserve cash.

If you don't plan to stay in the home for more than a few years, it's cheaper in the long run to take a no-point loan and pay the higher interest rate.

### Real Estate Forum



By  
Dian Hymer

"Buyers and sellers both pay closing costs but who pays what costs varies from area to area."

Most lenders allow parents to give money to their children to use for a home purchase as long as the parents are willing to stipulate that the money doesn't have to be repaid. However, lenders usually require that the borrowers have some of their own money invested in the property.

For example, a lender would probably approve a loan for buyers with good credit if they had enough of their own money for a 5 or 10 percent cash down payment and gift money from their parents for the closing costs.

Also, there are loan programs for low-cash down buyers that allow the buyer to finance some of the closing costs.

Another way to generate cash to pay for closing costs is to ask the seller for a cash credit at closing.

Lenders have restrictions on how much a seller can credit to a buyer (often no more than 3 to 6 percent of the selling price). And some lenders will only allow credits for nonrecurring closing costs, that is, closing costs like title insurance that are paid on a one-time-only basis.

Keep in mind that when you ask the sellers for a credit, you are, in effect, asking them to lower the price of their property. If the sellers give you a \$5,000 credit, their proceeds will be reduced by \$5,000.

Buyers competing with other buyers may want to increase their offer

price by \$5,000 to offset their request for a \$5,000 credit.

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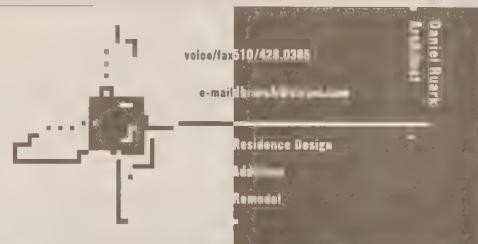


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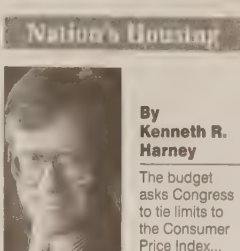


# Clinton's budget proposal a mixed bag for homeowners

**H**IDDEN AWAY in the recesses of the Clinton administration's massive fiscal 2001 budget proposal to Congress are several items that could prove helpful — or troublesome — to home buyers and owners around the country.

Though the proposals have drawn virtually no press attention, they could either put thousands of dollars into your pocket or cost you thousands, depending on your situation.

Tops on the list: a move to index to the rate of inflation the legal limit for escaping taxation on home sale capital gains. Under federal tax legislation enacted in 1997, homeowners can exclude up to \$250,000 (for singles) or \$500,000 (for married joint filers) of capital gains on the sale of their principal residence. To qualify for the maximum exclusion, you need to have used the house as your principal residence for at least two out of the five years preceding the sale.



**By Kenneth R. Harney**

The budget asks Congress to tie limits to the Consumer Price Index...

Though generous, the \$250,000-\$500,000 limits currently are frozen in the tax code. They do not adjust for inflation. And while inflation has been at nearly historic low levels in recent years, few economists expect that to continue indefinitely.

## Doing the math

The president's budget, incorporating a concept first outlined last year in a bill by Rep. Robert Andrews, D-N.J., asks Congress to tie

the \$250,000-\$500,000 limits to the Consumer Price Index. Even with a CPI gain of just 3 percent, that amounts to noteworthy savings for single or married homeowners bumping the upper limits. A 3 percent inflation adjustment to the \$500,000 ceiling adds \$15,000 to the tax-free maximum, and \$7,500 to the \$250,000 ceiling.

More importantly, an annual inflation-adjustment system would offer homeowners the ongoing benefits of interest compounding. In a 3 percent inflationary environment, the tax-free limits would jump to \$257,500 and \$515,000 in tax year 2001.

If the inflation rate hit 3 percent again the following year, the increment would be multiplied against the higher base amounts of the previous year — a 3 percent increase on top of \$257,500 would yield a new ceiling of \$265,225 for singles, and a \$530,450 limit for married joint-filers.

The net effect of inflation-index-

ing, argues the president, would be to keep as many Americans tax-free on home sales as possible. Without indexing, says the budget, "over time inflation could undermine the simplification benefits of (the 1997 law) by increasing many home prices above the exclusion limits."

## Closing loopholes

Another plum for home buyers in the Clinton budget: the first federal tax credit aimed at purchasers of "highly energy-efficient" new houses. The credit would be a maximum \$2,000 if you bought a home exceeding the standards prescribed by the International Energy Conservation Code of 1998.

Among other things, the code sets targets for energy consumption in heating, cooling and hot water components of homes. If the house you purchase exceeds the IEC code standard by 30 percent, you would qualify for a \$1,000 tax credit. If it exceeded the IEC standard by 50 percent, you'd qualify for the

\$2,000 credit.

Unlike deductions, the value of which are tied to your tax bracket, credits are subtracted from your bottom-line tax payment to the IRS. A \$2,000 credit saves you \$2,000, whether you itemize or not.

Not all the real estate provisions in the new budget would pad homeowners' wallets, however. The president goes after a couple of loopholes, including the rarest of tax code boons — a long-standing provision that allows you to earn money tax-free.

The loophole allows any homeowner who rents a principal residence or second home for less than 15 days a year to pocket the rental income, with no tax liability whatsoever.

For instance, say you rent your house for a week for \$4,000 to attendees at a major event — an industry, political or sport-related gathering — in your area. Under current law, you can pocket that \$4,000 and not report it as income.

The Clinton budget would shut down that loophole. You'd have to pay taxes on all rental income received after Dec. 31, 2000.

A final, more technical provision in the budget that could cost taxpayers money: a restriction on the use of the \$250,000-\$500,000 capital gains exclusion in connection with homes acquired in tax-free exchanges.

Some creative real estate investors currently exchange their investment properties tax-free for a house. Then they treat it as a principal residence, and escape taxes when they sell it.

The Clinton budget would require them to pay taxes if they sold a new house within five years of acquiring it via the tax-free exchange.

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# Forget shouting match: Enlist an attorney to evict mom's tenant

**Q:** My 65-year-old mother rented one of her rooms on a month-to-month basis. The tenant paid only two weeks of rent and promised my mom the rest in the middle of the month. After two weeks he started complaining that my mother's cats made him itch.

My mom told the tenant his bad hygiene makes him itch, not the cat. She also told him to start looking for another place. They had a shouting match, and the tenant ended up calling the police on my mother. The tenant claims that he has legal rights to stay.

He said he tried to give my mom the rest of the month's rent, but she refused it. The sheriff suggested my mother file an eviction notice. I talked to the tenant, offering him 30 days' free rent, provided he vacates the room at the end of the 30 days. The 30 days is up and he told me he hasn't found another rental.

I wrote him a letter about the legal implications if he refuses. He is not budging. He still claims he

has legal rights to stay in the room. He threatened me with legal consequences if we evict him and remove his property. What can we legally do?

**A:** Stop the vocal challenges that result in police visits. Use written notices to express your position. If he doesn't pay the current month's rent, serve a three-day notice to pay rent or vacate. At the same time serve a 30-day notice of termination of the month-to-month contract. If the tenant doesn't comply with one or the other notice, begin eviction proceedings in court. A local real estate attorney can help with this process.

— Jeffrey P. Widman, attorney

## HOA audit

**Q:** Has anybody ever established the right for owners to have homeowners association accounts independently audited?

**A:** Just as a stockholder in a Fortune 500 company could not demand that the company allow his or her

accountant to audit corporate records, your ability to review your HOA's records is limited. Most homeowners associations are set up as nonprofit mutual benefit corporations to provide corporate protection to the homeowners against any liabilities or losses that may affect their property value or ownership.

California Corporate Code Section 8333 allows homeowners or stockholders to inspect membership lists, minutes, newsletters and financial and bank statements. The code does not empower you to conduct an independent audit. That corporation is allowed to conduct business without undue and expen-

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# Get a grip on home wiring techniques

AS YOU SEE IT, electrical wiring is nothing more than a bunch of fancy extension cords. They run through walls, floors and ceilings connecting lights, plugs and switches to make our paths brighter and our lives easier. Yet for some reason, some folks are terrified of electricity.

Electricity should be dealt with carefully but it doesn't have to be dangerous. Working with sheet metal or glass can be a disaster. A minor accident can cause a serious laceration. With care, a slip can mean a smashed thumb, a finger gone forever. With electricity, a slip can mean injury or even death. With electricity, as long as the power has been turned off, there is nothing you can do to hurt yourself.

A good guide is "Wiring Simplified" by H.P. Richter and W.C. Schwan (McGraw-Hill, \$9.95). It's easy to read and has lots of good illustrations. Before you begin reading, however, there are a few things you should know about wire and wiring. First, there are three basic types:

■ The kind that comes in a flexible metal shield — BX. It is used for exterior wiring where the wire will be exposed to human contact.

■ The kind where several strands are held together in a plastic shield — NM (nonmetallic). It is used for house wiring where hiding within walls, in attics and crawl spaces is desired.

■ The kind that can be used underground — UF (underground feeder). This kind is used for direct burial underground. No conduit is needed.

BX wire is used where you might cause damage to an exposed wire — a kitchen or bathroom cabinet, for example. Whereas nonmetallic wiring is fine for inside walls, it can be easily damaged if left exposed to human transgressions. Nonmetallic wire is no match for sharp knives, hot irons and tugging toddlers. BX, on the other hand, is encased in a hard, flex-



By Morris and James Carey

ible metal shield that is nearly impenetrable. So in interior walls you would use NM wire (Romex), and for wiring in outside walls, BX is better.

Be sure to check with your local building inspector. BX cannot be used outdoors and can be used only in short lengths indoors. For other jobs, outside-wall metal conduit must be used. Wiring with conduit requires several special tools and some experience. If NM, BX or UF wire won't do the job, call a professional.

UF wire is designed to be buried directly into the earth with no conduit. However, there is a major problem with all plastic wire — it is easily damaged. Landscape lighting, sprinkler wiring and other outdoor electrical wiring travels subsurface. Tree, shrub and flower planting, rototilling and other groundbreaking practices can damage wires near the surface.

The building code suggests that all such wires be buried at least 18 inches below ground. We think a good rule of thumb is 2 feet or deeper.

Don't be afraid to break out a little plaster or wallboard to conceal wiring. There isn't anything more tacky than a shiny new electric fixture mounted on a wall connected to exposed wiring.

Wiring in a wall must be protected when it travels perpendicular to a wood framing member. For example, a wire that travels through a stud

## Home electricity

Electricity is conducted along house circuits by wires grouped together in the form of cable or contained in a conduit.



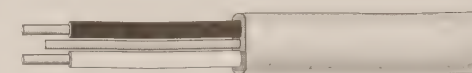
### BX cable

Armor-wrapped cable is commonly called BX, a trade name. It has an outer layer of flexible galvanized steel that contains two or three wires. Each wire is individually wrapped with paper. If the cable does not have a ground wire, the metal sheathing serves as a ground whenever it comes in contact with a metal outlet box.



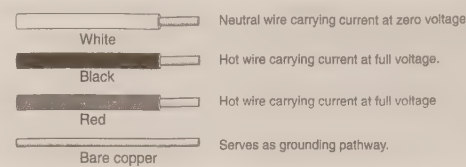
### NM (nonmetallic) cable

It is often called by its trade name, Romex. This is used only in dry locations. Each wire, with the possible exception of the ground wire, is wrapped in its own plastic sheath. The wires are then wrapped in a paper insulator and the wrapping is covered with plastic.



### Type UF (underground feeder)

For use in wet locations, has wires embedded in solid-core plastic sheathing, and includes a bare copper grounding wire.



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must be protected with a metal plate before the wallboard is installed. The plate protects the wire from things such as nails for picture-hanging.

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3316 Liberty Av - \$382,000  
1562 Lincoln Av #C - \$244,000  
1560 Lincoln Av - \$100,000  
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960 Adams St - \$323,000  
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844 Ramona Av - \$445,000

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2419 10th St - \$365,000  
1604 Allston Wy - \$250,000  
1245 Bancroft Wy - \$320,000  
2535 California St - \$229,000  
3214 California St - \$179,000  
1238 Campus Dr - \$475,000  
1615 Cedar St - \$349,000  
1176 Colusa Av - \$452,000  
2216 Curtis St - \$372,000  
1561 Euclid Av #4 - \$325,000  
1410 Fairview St - \$198,500  
1702 Fairview St - \$140,000  
1300 Henry St #1 - \$292,000  
1410 Holly St - \$535,000  
3259 Idaho St - \$175,000  
2031 Los Angeles Av - \$268,000  
1125 Oxford St - \$421,000  
1077 Park Hills Rd - \$470,000  
1615 Rose St - \$457,000  
905 Ventura Av - \$610,000  
80 Vicente Rd - \$1,100,000  
2371 West St - \$296,000

## EL CERRITO

824 Arlington Bl - \$265,000  
6506 Blake St - \$215,000  
320 Coronado St - \$326,000  
1708 Lexington Av #12 - \$189,000  
946 Liberty St - \$239,000  
1629 Richmond St - \$232,000  
54 Wildwood Pl - \$255,000

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4652 Hilltop Dr - \$225,000  
4670 Hilltop Dr - \$189,000  
505 La Paloma Rd - \$235,000

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$100,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$425,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$270,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$286,500

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TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$178,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$445,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$323,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$336,667

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TOTAL SALES: 22  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$140,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,100,000  
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TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$189,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$326,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$232,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$245,857

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$155,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$235,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$189,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$201,000

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TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$200,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$229,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$214,500  
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2532 12th Av - \$340,000  
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2612 26th Av - \$98,000  
601 32nd St - \$94,500

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TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$370,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$444,000  
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AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$407,000

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TOTAL SALES: 77  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$63,000  
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MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$171,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$215,227

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LOWEST AMOUNT: \$365,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$504,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$470,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$446,333

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TOTAL SALES: 32  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$55,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$364,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$148,500  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$148,250

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 19  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$95,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$384,500  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$226,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$237,395

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$177,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$317,500  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$210,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$234,875

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821 32nd St - \$63,000  
914 55th St - \$171,000  
764 56th St - \$267,000  
1506 57th Av - \$148,500  
686 60th St - \$125,000  
609 61st St - \$129,000  
2475 63rd Av - \$90,000  
2607 65th Av - \$110,000  
1620 71st Av - \$140,000  
3167 73rd St - \$230,000  
2628 75th Av - \$120,000  
1036 88th Av - \$105,000  
992 88th Av - \$105,000  
1006 90th Av - \$104,000  
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3963 Altamont Av - \$157,000  
6624 Brann St - \$85,000  
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3165 California St - \$249,000  
2615 Camino Lenada - \$333,000  
720 Canyon Oaks Dr #D - \$99,000  
2902 Chestnut St - \$73,000  
3169 Davis St - \$188,000  
3312 Delaware St - \$195,000  
10546 East Court - \$112,000  
7021 Favor St - \$111,500  
2924 Filbert St - \$133,500  
1102 Grand View Dr - \$799,000  
1923 Harrington Av - \$180,000  
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3423 Jordan Rd - \$380,000  
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285 Lester Av - \$375,000  
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3103 Linden St - \$180,000  
3724 Lyon Av - \$110,000  
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2608 MLK Wy - \$200,000  
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5672 Merriewood Dr - \$220,000  
4209 Midvale Av - \$190,000  
1544 Mitchell St - \$146,000  
2968 Morgan Av - \$220,000  
475 Mountain Bl - \$403,000  
3115 Nicol Av - \$145,500  
4112 Norton Av - \$301,000  
6254 Oakdale Av - \$153,500  
567 Oakland Av #303 - \$69,000  
4605 Park Bl - \$340,000  
330 Park View Tr #207 - \$125,000  
2424 Potter St - \$200,000  
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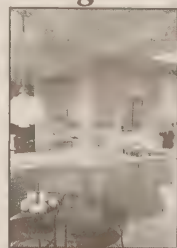
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# Techno dreams and stranger things abound in show

■ **New American Dream**  
2000 Home uses the latest gadgets to create cocoon space

By Kathryn Hopper  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

**C**OMPUTERS THAT take over chores, rooms that evolve with shifting family needs, and plenty of spaces to escape from the outside world and one another are the guiding principles behind the New American Dream 2000 Home.

The 4,500-square-foot mansion squeezed on a zero-lot-line plot in a Dallas suburb was built to showcase the latest design and construction trends for the recent International Homebuilders Show in Dallas and will be featured in the March, April and May issues of Ladies' Home Journal.

Designed by Orlando, Fla., architect Don Evans and built by Custom Homes Group in Dallas, the house is aimed at a professional couple in their 30s with two to three children. Given the house's price tag, \$975,000, the couple would also have to have some hefty stock options or generous parents.

"We wanted to create a home that's very modern, very advanced technologically, but also rooted in tradition, warmth and comfort," says Susan Orlie, the Arlington, Texas, designer who coordinated the house's interiors.

"The house centers around the feeling that the family wants to be there. It's not 'Where do we go out for dinner?' It's 'Who can we invite over for dinner?'"

Anyone who does come over is bound to be impressed with all the

high-tech gadgetry that merits two rooms — the "wiring closet" and the "energy room" — which together occupy 200 square feet. The closet is a nifty way to store all your stereo components and the IBM House Manager system, which controls everything from the heating and air-conditioning system to lights to sprinklers to VCR programming.

The energy room houses two hot-water heaters and electrical boxes. "The house is so smart that you can wake up and with the touch of a button by your bed turn on every light and appliance you need that morning," builder Doug White said.

The kitchen also has high-tech touches such as the remote-controlled Icebox by CMI Worldwide, which uses Internet access to assist in meal planning, grocery lists and shopping.

Architect Don Evans wanted to "break out of the Dallas box" by giving homeowners places they could interact with the outside world. A courtyard entry on the first level and a Juliet balcony off a secondary bedroom upstairs offer views of the street. But given the house's location in a gated community, its occupants may be more inclined to seek refuge from the world.

No worry, Evans also provides a walled-off pool and patio area dubbed "the courtyard oasis," which features a built-in big-screen television, fireplace and grill.

"I wanted to build a shell, not a cocoon," Evans said. "If they want to interact with the outside world, they can; if not, then they don't have to."

## Feels bigger than it is

The owners won't have to do much yardwork. The only lawn is a small patch in front. The back yard is devoted to the paved driveway from the alley to the garage, which



THE WALLED-OFF pool and patio area constitutes "the courtyard oasis," with a built-in big-screen television, fireplace and grill.

Evans says can double as a "sport court."

"Most kids today get their exercise from municipal sports — soccer or swimming leagues," Evans says. "They don't need big back yards."

He brags that the house's design "lives larger than its square footage," seeming almost as big as a 6,000-square-foot home. That means there

are plenty of places to be by yourself. The kids could be playing computer games up in the "imagination room" upstairs. Dad may be trading stocks online in the "Internet alcove." Grandma could make tea in her kitchenette in the airy above-garage apartment dubbed the "garden suite," while Mom takes an aromatherapy bath in the "master retreat."

Evans says he uses ambiguous names so the spaces won't get pigeon-holed. "If Grandma comes to live here, then maybe she gets the garden suite. When she leaves, you get a home office," he said.

Flexibility is carried through the furnishings, too. Kimberlie Waugh, home design editor at Ladies' Home Journal, notes that several pieces are

"The house centers around the feeling that the family wants to be there. It's not 'Where do we go out for dinner?' It's 'Who can we invite over for dinner?'"

Susan Orlie

built for speed redecorating. "The blues and chairs in the kitchen study are on casters so they travel from room to room based on different needs," she said.

The house links subtle touches with marble and wood flooring, separating the private areas and petting. Wall colors include a yellow in the kitchen and a tacho-green in the master suite.

One of the house's best secrets is hidden in the walls. Custom acoustic insulation called Coorec, made of recycled newspapers, the company promises that the product cuts outside noise and trip costs to the point that heating and cooling costs should average per month.

No buyer is lined up for the house, but the builder says it's an easy sell.

"This is a home for people who want to live comfortably but not a nerd," White said.



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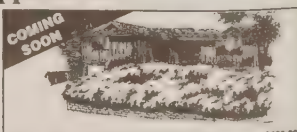
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## Craftsman

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multiple runners and window coverings. Pine cones and ginkgo leaves were popular choices for decorating utilitarian textile pieces. Earthy shades of brown and green were used to help both walls and furnishings.

### Up close and personal

Christine Loehrlein is refurbishing a Craftsman home at 1720 Central Ave. Loehrlein says she chose this 1915 home because it was well-maintained and she planned cosmetic updates to update it.

"It is a privilege to own this house," Loehrlein says. "The clean lines and wide windows bring the outside in."

Loehrlein notes the home's two fireplaces — one in the living room and the other in a small study with a built-in desk — and smiles.

"I love living here in a city that is like an architectural museum."

### Extra mileage

Alameda architect David Thruston lives in a 1917 Craftsman bungalow. He says he likes his home's simple design:

"(Craftsman) builders made efficient use of space and materials, getting extra mileage out of everything with their fine crafting."

Indeed that's true. Thruston points to recessed cabinets and raised rails that have layered wood of different thicknesses to create shadow lines, resulting in an unusual organic richness.

Outside, field stones and rounded river stones cover many exteriors. Darkened, twisted clinker bricks add texture and color to chimneys and porches.

In fact, wide covered porches are a Craftsman trademark. Over the years, some of these porches have been enclosed, but many still support swings, harkening to the calm, quiet days of yesteryear.

### Warmth and charm

Lee Pollard, a native Alamedan and a builder, has lived in his 1907 Craftsman for 10 years. It's a comfortable home with large warm, charming rooms. Here heavy timbers on the porch and eaves give it a rugged, masculine and earthy feeling. It's a practical and open home."

### On the market

In the current market, a two-bedroom, one bath Craftsman bungalow

## WHERE ARE THEY?

Alameda is world famous for its Craftsman style homes. You'll see them scattered throughout the city and recognize them by their clean, undecorated horizontal lines. Many have square posts on wide covered front porches and extended rafter ends.

Alameda's Craftsman homes, built between 1900 and 1920, generally have stucco or wooden shingle exteriors. Most are single-story bungalows, but there are also two-story bungalows and larger two-story homes.

Craftsman homes are out in force in Alameda at Burbank and Portola streets near Eighth Street and Washington Park. Most of these homes were built between 1912 and 1914. You can also find them Sterling Street between High and Fernside. These were built between 1917 and 1920.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS GARDEN SHOW

**Who:** The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society presents "The Arts and Crafts Garden." When Sunday, March 26, 2000, 7 p.m.

**What:** Slide presentation by Paul Duhscherer, author of *Outside the Bungalow: America's Arts and Crafts garden*.

**Where:** First Congregational Church, 1912 Central Ave. at Chestnut Street.

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will sell for \$290,000 to \$325,000, depending on the home's condition and location.

What do you get for the money? According to homeowner Christine Loehrlein, "In today's fast-paced world, living in and with things natural appeals to a large segment of the population. There is a definite interest and demand for this style of living."

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**THIS CRAFTSMAN HOME** features a built-in buffet and china cabinets — hallmarks of understated practicality (left).

Built-in cabinets on either side of the multi-textured brick fireplace turn this area into a focal point of the living room (below).



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# Wilson

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to have proof.

As the house had a Berkeley mailing address, I checked with the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. Sure enough, records showed that Julia Morgan had built the home for her mother. Moreover, the home had originally stood on Prospect Avenue in the south campus area, and had been moved to its current site in the 1960s by a Cal professor.

That's good information to have: It enhances the home's value.

The second step in preparing a historic home for sale is obtaining a thorough set of physical inspections. These reports will help the seller fix a list price.

The standard marketing approach for older houses in today's market is to sell the home in "as-is" condition, while making a full set of disclosures available to prospective buyers.

## Structural pest control report

The first and most important physical inspection to obtain is a structural pest control report. This must be conducted by a state licensed pest control operator. Your listing agent will know which companies in your area are the most reputable ones. These reports generally cost about \$125 for a single family home — a little more for a very large house.

A structural pest control report not only will address the problems of pest infestation, but also dry rot from the mud sills up to the roof beams, as well as faulty foundation conditions.

Buyers usually bear the cost of this work in today's seller's market, unless the amount is exceptionally high. A good rule of thumb is that any repairs that cost more than 10 percent of the list price usually will need to be negotiated as an expense to be split between buyer and seller.

In the case of the Julia Morgan house on Claremont Avenue, the pest control inspection was good news for the seller, as it came to only around \$5,000, or well under 10 percent of the current market value.

## Asbestos inspection

We obtained an asbestos inspection,

which revealed that there was some asbestos wrapping around the heating ducts. Again, the cost of removing it was quite low, around \$1,500, so it was an item for which the buyer could take responsibility.

## Roof inspection

A roof inspection brought the seller more good news: the roof had no active leaks; the gutters and down spouts were in working condition; and the roof surface probably had several years of active life left before it would need to be replaced.

## Seismic retrofit inspection

We didn't order a seismic retrofit inspection: This was in the late summer of 1989, a few weeks before the Loma Prieta earthquake. After that devastating event, it became standard practice for sellers of historic houses to get such an inspection, and to negotiate with buyers over the cost of seismic repairs. As it turned out, this issue did come up later, during the escrow on Julia Morgan's mother's house.

## Get a second opinion

Before completing the physical inspections on an older home, get a second opinion, or competing bid, on any major repair items.

Sellers should secure a second estimate from another licensed company if the cost estimates on the pest control report, roof inspection or seismic retrofit bid are more than \$2,000. The reason is simple: This second estimate may lower the cost of the necessary repairs, and pass those savings on the buyer, thereby increasing the net "as-is" sales price of the property. Your listing agent will know which companies are the best ones to provide reliable, competitive bids.

## Detailed market analysis

The final part of this phase of preparing a historic home for sale is to do a detailed market analysis. I conducted such an analysis for the owner of the Claremont Avenue property, comparing all of the Julia Morgan-designed homes that had sold in Berkeley and Oakland within the past year. The owner agreed that, in addition to factoring in the cost of all the repairs in the inspections we had done, we should discount the list price to account for other factors:

First, the lot was not as valuable as most of the comparable Julia Morgan homes. There was no usable back yard behind the rear deck, as the canyon rose steeply upward at that point. Also, the house was on a busy street, where the noise of cars climbing up the canyon was pronounced.

But most important of all, part of the interior had been remodeled when the house was moved in 1964. The home therefore had a 1960s-style kitchen, with cheap-looking cabinets and a set of wide aluminum-framed sliding glass doors leading from the dining area onto the rear deck.

The seller and I considered repair costs and kitchen upgrade costs, and arrived at a list price of \$349,500. This was intended to be a strictly "as-is" price, as we felt most buyers would accept the costs of the various repairs and upgrades at this price.

## Put it all together

When I put the Julia Morgan house on the market, we fielded three offers within a week. The winning bid was from a young engineer who worked in Emeryville, and lived in a 1920s apartment building in the Marina District in San Francisco.

On Oct. 17, 1989, a few days after escrow opened, and before the buyer could complete all of his physical

inspections, the Loma Prieta earthquake struck the Bay Area.

The next day, the buyer's agent said her client's apartment building was one of those that had been destroyed by fire in the Marina District. She added that he was going to need to extend the deadline to remove his physical inspection contingency, and that he wanted a separate inspection by a seismic engineer.

When I told my seller about the buyer's request, she ordered a seismic inspection herself. Her engineer found that the house had sustained cracks in the foundation. He recommended that the foundation be bolted and the basement be sheared-walled at about \$8,000.

The buyer's engineer estimated the work at \$15,000, as he felt both the front and back decks should be tied into the shear-wall bracing, and we all agreed on a \$12,000 credit to the buyer to complete the retrofit.

Coming up: Advertising and promotions, the third phase in preparing a historic house for sale.

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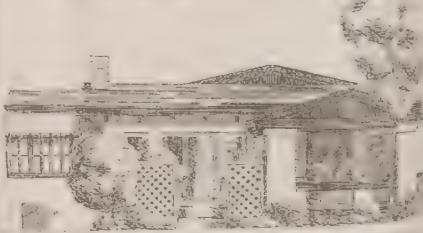
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## Modern

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down approach, De Sousa says, is a client who recently sold a classic Victorian in San Francisco. The home was "dripping in Victorian detail and swag draperies," and now the client lives in a contemporary house with classic architecture and no clutter.

"I hope the days of draping tables and filling them with hundreds of pictures is behind us," he says. "But you never know."

## Mid-Century Influence

Paring down is part of a trend rooted in "mid-century modernism," furniture styles from the 1930s, 1940s, and in particular, the 1950s, are being replicated, updated, and mass produced. One only has to glance at the nearest Pottery Barn to see metal home office desks straight out of an episode of *Dragnet*. Crate & Barrel too, is selling younger con-

sumers on the idea of metal dinette sets with blue upholstery.

Mid-century modernism is influencing high end designers too, who are creating living room furniture influenced by the 1950s office furniture from the Herman Miller company, and revisiting the "potato chip" chair and other free designs of the era.

It's not nostalgia either that is attracting people to these designs. It's the appeal of the clean and classic lines.

"A lot of the people doing the purchasing right now are around 30 to 40, and so they didn't grow up in the 1950s," De Sousa says. "A lot of them grew up in the era of avocado green, excess, and not so great quality. The look is new and refreshing to them."

"I think it will continue to lead and influence us, as it encompasses everything we're seeing now: quality, the pared down approach," he says.

Vanderbyl says there's another trend that will continue to hold court for a while, side by side with the mid-

century-influence — buying quality.

Obviously, a person has to hit a certain income bracket before investing in heirloom quality furniture. One of Vanderbyl's most popular pieces, the Semanier, which he displays in his own home, is priced around \$4,600. The seven-drawer piece is inspired by French antique dressers that one would store a week's worth of clothes in, and has a pull-out surface that can be used to display a vase of flowers. The dressers were also used by Catholic priests to hold their ceremonial garments.

"People seem to want to take a chance, and are purchasing more art and antique pieces, and more unique pieces," De Sousa says, "things that are little more off the beaten track, not so expected."

A great piece of sculpture or a wonderful painting or antique chest adds character to a room, he says. De Sousa loves the three-drawer chest by furniture designer Christian Astugueville, which he bought for his own home.

"It's like adding a piece of jewelry to any room I put it in," he says. "It's made of rope, a sort of exaggerated version of a Bombay chest. Everyone who sees it wants to touch it." Eclecticism. Remember when you used to buy a living room or dining room set? Hopefully, it wasn't recently. "Suites" of furniture have had their day.

"Furniture manufacturers have even stopped making them to a large extent," Vanderbyl says.

Mixing pieces from different eras, countries, and styles, is a mainstay of contemporary design. A related trend is flexibility of furniture design. For example, a popular mahogany-finished cherrywood sideboard from Vanderbyl's Archetype collection is also being used as an office credenza by consumers. Other examples include multi-use chests that can be used in the bedroom and filled with lingerie, or in the living room to tuck away matches or magazines.

Even the all important home office will change, designers say. It too

is becoming less cluttered.

"The home office is evolving into a writing surface and a laptop," De Sousa says.

But while most of the home is taking on a modern air, kitchens and bathrooms are becoming more traditional. In a recent remodel, De Sousa transformed a client's kitchen from the now familiar white lacquer cabinetry, white tile and brass hardware look, to a warmer space with "buttery" painted walls, paneled cabinets, and a wood floor.

"Now it's sunny and inviting," he says.

"The kitchens is one of the rooms we spend the most of our time in," De Sousa says.

Vanderbyl too prefers traditional kitchens. His own kitchen has a black-and-white checkerboard floor, slab granite counters, and stainless steel commercial appliances.

"Kitchens should represent functionality," he says. "They shouldn't be too sleek and hard."

Ditto the bathroom. Vanderbyl's guest bath is a good example of mod-

ern style, precisely because it is nostalgic and traditional. The bright room features a large porcelain tub, a pedestal sink, and a tile floor. Home tech. Not surprisingly, homes in the new Millennium will continue to feature more technology.

Already, homes have automatic windows and skylights, and are wired for surround sound and home offices.

"Homes are becoming more simple in form, but more user-friendly in terms of technology," De Sousa says. "I recently designed the interior in a home that has a touch screen in each room to operate everything from the doors to the drapes."

There is one trend he hopes does not continue: "I hope the size of TVs doesn't continue to increase," he says, noting that the new flat-screen TVs create a dilemma for any interior designer.

"The TV is always an issue between the husband and the wife," he says. "The husband loves it, and the wife hates it."

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sive interruptions from members or stockholders.

If you have questions, you can answer with the rights granted by the code. Consider running for a board of directors' position at the next annual meeting. Board members, as corporate officers, have unlimited access to the books and records of the association.

— Grace Morioka, Commoncents Management

## Watered wall

Q: The east wall of our new home sits on the edge of our lot. Our neighbor planted a row of rose bushes along the wall. The termite inspector said the sprinklers for the rosebushes are causing the nails to rust. Eventually, the rusted nails will weaken the wall.

He recommends we ask the neighbor to water the plants by hand. How should we approach our neighbor about this problem? What should we do if the neighbor refuses to cooperate?

A: It sounds as if you are living

in a homeowners association-governed development with a zero lot line, where one wall of a house is on or against the lot line of the adjoining house. If that's the case, to ensure that a homeowner has access to the wall, the covenants, conditions and restrictions generally provide for a maintenance easement across the adjoining property.

The neighbor may have violated that easement by placing the plants so close to the wall that you can't access it. If the rosebushes were planted recently, there may still be time to transplant them.

Speak with your neighbor about moving the plants away. If the plants are not on the easement or do not block access, consider asking your neighbor to install drip irrigation.

If that fails, seek the advice of your homeowners association's board of directors and manager. They can work with you and your neighbor to develop a cooperative plan to solve the problem.

— Grace Morioka, Commoncents Management

A: Give your neighbor a copy of the termite inspector's concerns, along with the inspector's name and phone number. Assuming the neighbor has a right to plant the roses at that location, ask the neighbor to convert the sprinklers to drip irrigation. If the neighbor refuses to cooperate, offer to share the expense or consider offering to pay the entire amount. The nominal amount spent will be money well-invested to protect the wall.

— John Reyes, Re/Max Group South Bay

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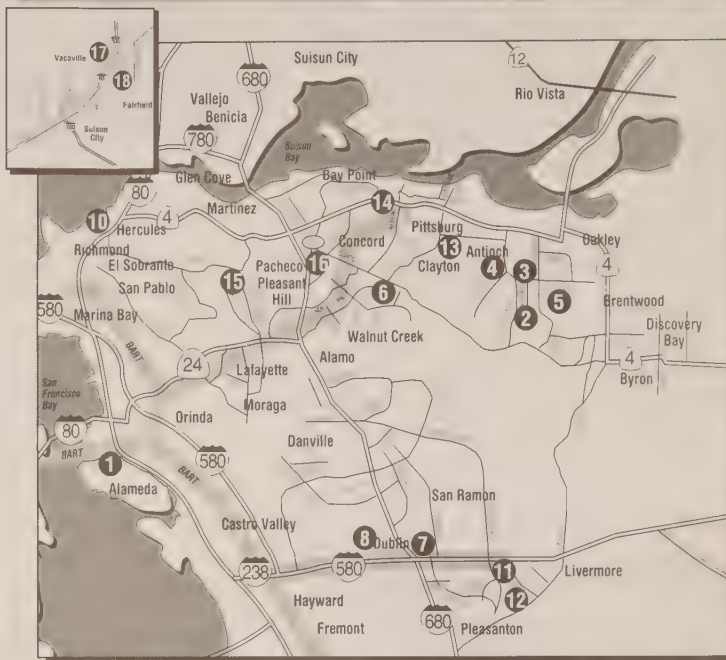
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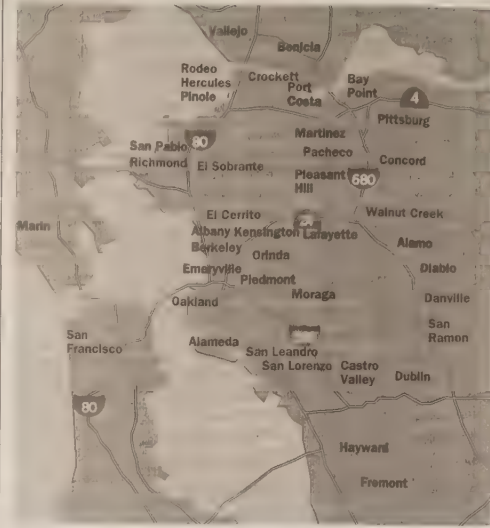
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| 2701 Washington St<br>OPEN SATURDAY 1-3<br>Raye Thelmann 510-748-1102 Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors                                   | 3 - bd - 1ba | 2-4   | \$375,000 |
| 1910 Kithlyhawk<br>Pat Colburn 510-865-5329 Kane & Associates  | 3 bd/2 ba    | 2-4   | \$370,000 |
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| 1014 College<br>Chris Ashby 510-814-4813 Harbor Bay Realty  | 3 bd/2 ba   | 2-4    | \$355,000 |
| 1209 College<br>** OPEN SAT. & SUN. 2-4<br>Jerry Nussbaum 522-9568, Nancy Evans-Blanche 765-1680                        | 3 bd/1 ba   | **     | \$348,000 |
| 2819 Bayview Dr<br>** OPEN SAT. 12-2, OPEN SUN. 2-4<br>Bill Bennett 510-748-1108 Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors           | 2 - bd/2 ba | **     | \$345,000 |
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| 1367 Crown Dr<br>Barbara Bolton 510-814-4714 B&B Douglas 510-814-483  | 2 bd/2 ba   | 2-4    | \$269,000 |
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| 1069 Amato Dr<br>Claremont Hills<br>Charles Claybaugh 510-287-9585 Better Homes Realty                            | 4 bd/3.5 ba | 2-4:30 | \$1,400,000 |
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| 1114 Oxford<br>ELEGANT NO. BERKELEY EUROPEAN-STYLE<br>Held & Jerry Long, (510) 835-8218, Coldwell Banker         | 5bd/2ba    | 2-4    | \$679,000 |
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| 8 W. Parmassos Ct<br>Dann 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty  | 3 bd/-ba   | 2-4:30 | \$549,000 |
| 419 Boynton<br>Thousand Oaks<br>Bob McRae 510-652-2133 1145 Templeton Company                                    | 3 bd/-ba   | 2-6    | \$450,000 |
| 1634 Grant St<br>Donna Conroy 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker   | 2 bd/1 ba  | 2-6    | \$398,000 |
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|--|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 5700 Amy Dr<br>Upper Rockridge<br>Michelle Miller 510-339-6480 Pacific Union           | 5 bd/4 ba   | 2-4:30    | \$875,000 |
| 4309 Terrabella Way<br>Redwood Estates<br>Homes-Link 510-748-5300                      | 4 bd/3 ba   | 2-4       | \$825,000 |
| 829 Treestle Glen Rd<br>Ellen Lancaster 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker                   | 5 bd/2.5 ba | 2-6       | \$725,000 |
| 1548 Fernwood<br>4 - bd/2ba  | 2-6         | \$630,000 |           |
| 6884 Baroni Dr<br>Moravia<br>Patricia Scott 510-339-6480 Pacific Union                 | 4 - bd/3 ba | 2-4:30    | \$625,000 |
| 646 Caldwell<br>Moravia<br>Julie Lehman 510-890-9407 Prudential Calif. Realty          | 3 bd, -ba   | -4:30     | \$610,000 |
| 5511 LaSalle Ave<br>Meady Scott 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co.                             | 3 bd/2 ba   | 2-4:30    | \$569,000 |
| 2701 Mountingale Way 4<br>Moravia<br>Jenne Lippincott 510-287-9591 Better Homes Realty | 4 bd/3 ba   | 2-4:30    | \$569,000 |
| 3657 Brunell Dr<br>Moravia<br>Kathy Flynn 510-339-6480 Pacific Union                   | 3 bd/1.5 ba | 2-4:30    | \$469,000 |
| 6790 Pinehaven Rd<br>Moravia<br>Rafael Ruelas 510-287-5770 Better Homes Realty         | 4 bd/3 ba   | 2-4:30    | \$429,000 |
| 1069 Treestle Glen Rd<br>James Garcia 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co.                       | 3 bd/1.5 ba | 2-4:30    | \$425,000 |
| 4271 Dunsmuir Ave<br>Redwood Heights<br>Diane E. McCas 510-339-6480 Pacific Union      | 3 bd/3 ba   | 2-4:30    | \$389,500 |
| 5655 Masonic Ave<br>Annam Tammy 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co.                             | 2 bd/1 ba   | 2-4:30    | \$395,000 |
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| 3487 Margaria Ave<br>Oak Knoll<br>Maria Sistiach 510-287-9586 Better Homes                 | 3 bd/2 ba   | 1-4:30 | \$230,000 |
| 4456 Hyacinth Ave<br>Lian Young 510-880-5801 Prudential CA Realty                          | 2 bd/-ba    | 1-4    | \$210,000 |
| 3993 Guido St<br>Redwood Heights<br>Mills Dream 510-451-7317 Value Realty                  | 2 bd/1 ba   | 2-4:30 | \$210,000 |
| 3814 Lincoln Ave<br>Lincoln Heights<br>Carlo Tamburini 510-671-7000 4275 Wells & Sunset Dr | 2 - bd/2 ba | 1-4:30 | \$210,000 |
| 3933 Forest Hill<br>Oakmore<br>Annie M. 510-339-4000 Better Homes Realty                   | 3 bd/1 ba   | 2-4    | \$210,000 |
| 6886 Suron Dr<br>Kand Walnut 510-287-5770 Better Homes Realty                              | 2 bd/1 ba   | 2-4:30 | \$210,000 |
| 4523 Walnut<br>Mammoth Park<br>Michael Harding 510-339-4000 Better Homes Realty            | 2 - bd/2 ba | 2-4:30 | \$210,000 |
| 507 Wickson Ave #202<br>Grand Lakes<br>Patry Bahler 510-531-7000 1238 Wells & Sunset Dr    | 2 bd/2 ba   | 2-4    | \$210,000 |
| 15 Santa Clara Ave #2<br>Grandlake Townhomes<br>Tam Carls 510-339-6480 Pacific Union       | 2 bd/2 ba   | 2-4    | \$210,000 |
| 4407 Bennett Pl<br>Redwood Heights<br>Nancy Chen 510-339-6480 Pacific Union                | 2 bd/1 ba   | 2-4:30 | \$210,000 |

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| Address & Realty   | Size        | Hours  | Price     |
|--|-------------|--------|-----------|
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| 149 St. James Dr<br>Barry Blumhardt 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker | 4 - bd/3 ba | 2-4:30 | \$170,000 |
| 501 Hampton<br>Lee Jacobson 510-339-6480 Pacific Union           | 3 - bd/2ba  | 2-4:30 | \$160,000 |
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**723A Livermore**

BRAND NEW spl. story Pulte hme. 3bd/2ba, 2 car, 1700 sq. ft. \$350K. Agt: (925) 482-3126

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**Big Yard, Great Value**  
Close to schls, bus & shops 3BD/2BA, indoor pool, home w/irr. Great value at \$469,900 (925) 377-5305

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**Piedmont Side Chamber**  
Whwrd flrs, beam ceilings & tons of wonderful built-ins 2, 3d, 2 full ba. w/sep. private setting. \$429,000 Go to kurlipier.com

**725D Oakley**

**OPEN HOUSE: 12-4, 1 story**  
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**729 Pittsburg**

BY OWNER, 3BD/2BA, Bright & airy, fine area, totally remodeled \$164,900 510-253-4632

3BD/2BA, nr. Bartlett/8300, \$240K. Tanya, Pgr 408-304-3047, 225-5556

**730A Pleasanton**

4 BDRM, 3+ ba, 3 car gar, great area, 4,000+ sq. ft. \$359,950 Agt: 925-952-8850 publicrealty.com

**737 San Pablo**

GREAT view of Bay, 3 BD, 2BA, fam. rm, Patio, As is \$225K. 707/975-4033 Agt

**738 San Ramon**

3 BD w/incredible upgrades. Frp. & ac-cvct. bld in Master suite New roof. Not on M.S. \$399,950 Agt: 925-952-8850

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adm@lvcampas.com

**Antioch**

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE  
Eagleville  
SAT 8-2 LIMESTONE DR.  
4130 Carpeting, appliances,  
player, car, gas dryer, light-  
ing fixtures, household, do-  
ing, furn. & lots of misc.

**4505 PAMPAS CIR**  
(off Country Hills)  
FRI. & SAT. 8-2  
Furn., clothes, children's  
items, electronic items, lots  
of misc.

**SAT ONLY 7-12**  
**5105 Padlock Ct.**  
(nr. Prewitt Ranch Rd.)  
MOVING SALE!

SAT-SUN 9 A.M.  
Camper, lumber, rack, tool  
box for am. P.U.; Bunkbed/fu-  
ring couch, antiques, Apple  
computer/games, toys, cloth-  
ing, furn., 5x5 windows, dvr,  
501 Equestrian Way, end of  
Hillcrest, corner of Prewitt.

**Bay Point**

SAT & SUN 9-2  
610 Azores Cir.  
(Mota & Evara)  
Furniture, exercise equip., as-  
sorted tools, collectibles, etc.

**Berkeley**

**ESTATE SALE**  
1047 CROMGTON  
(off Euclid)  
Liv. rm. turn, china cab., agl  
beds(2 brass), dresser, din-  
tbl, washer, dryer, freezer,  
rdr, games, 45 yrs. accum-  
ulation, entire hndld.  
SAT-SUN, 226-27, 10-4

**MOVING SALE**  
Fri. & Sat. 226-27, 9-5  
Up to 30% off entire stock  
Zohren's Antiques & Furni-  
ture  
1611 San Pablo Ave.

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**Concord**

**ESTATE SALE**  
Furniture, costume jewelry,  
clothing size 5  
SAT 8-3  
3051 TREAT BLVD. #121  
(last driveway before Shell  
Station on Treat side)

**2 FAMILY SALE**  
2756 & 2771 TOKOLA DR.  
(near Burrell/El Cerrito)  
SUN. ONLY, 9-4  
40+ YEARS OF MISC.  
Tools, bikes, household, h-  
ware, & much more!  
(NO, NO EARLY BIRDS!)

**MOVING SALE #2**  
SUN. 9-5 (inside Sale)  
DRAINER or SHINE!  
6 ng table, pictures, 3 cock  
atlas, etc.

1471 Del Rio Cir. #A  
(925) 383-7405

**"THE CROSSINGS"**  
Bellini drls, curio cab., leather  
clack, sports goods, refg.,  
washer, drier, etc.  
SAT & SUN, 10-3  
(no early bird cash only)  
4672 N. Larkin Ave.

SAT 6P 26th, 8-2  
Rain or Shine  
(No Early Birds)  
Infant clothes and furniture,  
household items, tools, lots  
of misc. items.  
953 Notre Dame Ave.  
(off Oak Grove Rd.)

**SAT & SUN 8-4**  
3578 Esperanza Dr.  
(off Olvera Rd.)  
Sleeper sofa & furniture & ac-  
cessories, kitchen items, furni-  
ture, appliances, car, bed & box  
spring, bedding, clothing, Li'l  
Tykes, lots & lots of misc.

**Danville**

**Estate Quality Items**  
KNABE console piano, furn.,  
china, stoneware, linens, kit.,  
lots of misc. Priced to sell.  
Fri-Sat 10-3 898 Pine Bl.  
Cor. of Harper. Follow signs  
at Danville Blvd. & Del Amigo

**FINAL ESTATE SALE**  
263 Prospect Ave.  
Large wood rug 21x10x18x4,  
off white, kitchen items, furni-  
ture, misc. items. Everything  
must go. Cash only.  
SAT, ONLY 9-4  
(925) 837-4026

**Danville**

**MOVING SALE**  
1855 RIDGELAND CIR.  
Off San Ramon Vly. Blvd.  
SAT 8-3  
Books,  
bikes, stoves, appls.,  
jewelry, furn.,  
No Early Bird/Arrn or Shine.

**Dublin**

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
8950 Devon  
St. Philip Lutheran School  
9/400/730-9151  
OVER 100 FAMILIES  
Children's clothes & toys,  
electronic, furniture, house-  
ware, & much more!

**SATURDAY 9:30-2:00**  
**6968 Village Parkway**  
Lots of jewelry, furn., pic-  
tures, cameras, kit. ward.,  
much more.

**El Cerrito**

**HOUSE CLEAN-OUT SALE**  
Lots of stuff. Outlets old &  
new. Pots & pans, shoes &  
purses. 829 Craft (off Terrace  
top of hill) Saturday 9-4, Sun.  
9-2, 26th & March 4th  
510-225-2407, 916-797-0499

**Lafayette**

**ESTATE SALE**  
Sat/Sun, 9-4 - Rain or shine!  
Antique buffet, antique place-  
ware, fine porcelain, sterling  
silverware, furniture, wicker  
din. set, books, beds, lamps,  
antique coffee grinder, etc.  
3279 Mt. Diablo Ct. #16  
(off 41st)

**Livermore**

**SAT. ONLY 8-3**  
**860 S. M St.**  
Furniture, computer,  
household items.

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**Martinez**

**MOVING SALE**  
FOR 2 HOUSEHOLDS  
Casual dining tbl. & chrs. (925)  
SAT 8-3  
Brother Wood Processor,  
kitchen chair, various other  
furn. & household items. Ex-  
traordinary good. Best offer.  
925-267-16, 9240 Olympic  
Dr. Sat Only 7:30-3:30

**Moraga**

**THURSDAY/FRI.**  
SAT & SUN, 9-7  
**MOVING SALE**  
176 CALLE LA MESA  
Liv. rm., twin, gn. beds, tbls.,  
desks etc. 925-299-6760

**Oakland**

**ESTATE SALE**  
SAT, 10-4, SUN, 10-2  
375 VAN BUREN #11  
510-763-7240

**ESTATE SALE**  
SAT, 10-4, SUN, 11-3  
Furn. incl. Chislering baby  
grand, 2 Eames tr. chrs.,  
watches, fountain pens, chi-  
lens, cameras, records, misc.  
HUGE GARAGE SALE  
Sat. Sun, 8 am 3 pm  
Furn. & frigate, tables, chairs,  
TVs, electronic ap-  
pliances, Much More! 563  
Lower St. or if raining go to  
617 Alleen at Shattuck. Just a  
cpl. blk. away.

**ESTATE SALE**  
SAT, 10-4, SUN, 11-3  
4160 Emerald Ave.  
(off 41st)  
Spectacular Estate Sale. Fur-  
niture, electronics, clothing,  
kitchenware & much, much  
more.

**SAT & SUN 10-4**  
**685 Fairmont Ave.**  
Off Bayovista.

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**Oakley**

**MOVING SALE BARGAINS**  
SAT. 7-4  
Fur., rugs, clothes, col-  
lectibles, glassware, bikes,  
toys, MORE!  
222 Saigado Ave.

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**MOVING SALE 700 Corni Dr.**  
9-12 SAT., 9-11 SUN.  
Sofa, rug, kids & adult  
clothes, boys stuffed animals,  
ne Seta ring bed, Maytag  
washer, rug, stor. cabinet,  
wrench, chisls, Weber gas  
BBQ, fax copier, desk, book-  
case. Everything goes.  
92377 5757, 415-464-0424

**Pied**

**GARAGE SALE**  
Tools, musical equipment,  
misc. items, garden tools,  
appliance.  
Sat 10-4 3:00am-4:30pm  
189 Hutchinson Ct.  
Off Appian Way

**THUR-FRI 24-25, 8-3**  
RAIN OR SHINE  
Corbels, furniture, Tools  
& FAMIL.

**44 BUENA VISTA DR.**  
(off Quinlan)

**Pleasanton**

**ARAGE/MOVING SALE**  
Sat. Only 7-4 P.M.  
Fur., power tools, clothes,  
household items, etc.

**1868 Dolores Dr.**  
on hill above Raleys)

**MOVING SALE**  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
9AM-4PM  
24 Crestline Dr. (cross  
street to Valley)  
Fur., power tools, clothes,  
household items, cloth-  
ing & lots of misc.  
No Early Birds!

**SATURDAY ONLY**  
8 am - 12 pm  
102 HALF COME DR.  
(off Vinyard)  
Entertainment centers, Bar-  
beque/hot, copper pots,  
clothes, lids & dressers & LOTS  
O OTHER GOOD STUFF!

**Richmond**

**SATURDAY 2/26 9-1**  
**2829 Grant Ave.**  
LARGE SELECTION OF  
HSHLD. ITEMS.

**San Pablo**

**SATURDAY 2/26 9-1**  
**1436 VENTURA AVE**  
Off San Pablo Dam Rd.  
Sofabeds, rug, clothing,  
kitchen, misc. more.

**San Ramon**

**DIVORCE SALE**  
**7441 HILLSBORO**  
(cross St Broadmoor)  
SAT, ONLY 9-4  
25 Years of Stuff  
No earlybirds

516 MORNING GLORY CT.  
SUN. 9-12:30 Antique one  
armore sofa, 2 6 mny old  
couches/love, seats-pd  
\$1500, wdr \$900, lg. sat-pd  
mirrors. (925) 648-4359

**MOVING SALE!**  
SAT ONLY 8-3  
4175 Canyon Crest Road W  
(dog leg off Canyon)  
Furn. & hshld. items. Misc.  
cases, misc. houseware &  
MUCH MORE!

**Walnut Creek**

**MOVING SALE**  
CAMELBACK APTS SAT  
& SUN 10-4  
(off Shiloh)  
Furniture & household items  
All items reasonably Priced  
1963 Desert Circle #1  
(1st street off Walnut Ave.)

**Holiday Boutiques**

**Sample Sweater Sale**  
8:30-Noon Sat 2/26  
3039 Espino Dr  
Walnut Creek  
All Items \$5.00

**SOMETHING TO  
SELL ABOUT  
ESTATE SALE**

**WANT TO GET RID OF THOSE GRAY, RAINY WINTERTIME  
BLUES?** Remember that spring is just around the corner.  
Time to redecorate with amazing finds at this, our first  
sale of the year. Highlights include: exquisite Baker,  
John Widdicombe and Thomasville pieces. Baby Grand  
piano, designer showplace upholstered sofas, loveseats  
and easy chairs, American Empire oak curved glass  
display cabinet, oak Arts & Crafts desk and bookcase,  
Art Deco display cabinet and burlesque armoire, early  
1900's Oriental: Altar table, Coromandel screen and  
lacquered tansu. Down filled chaise, 1930's French  
walnut and mahogany bedroom suites, fabulous  
antique brass bed, American primitives: drysink,  
armoire, dressers, tables, chairs, rockers, benches and  
trunks. 1700's Dutch merchants chest, secretary with  
wood marquetry, massive display cabinet and  
sideboard, oak hall tree, dropleaf, console, sofa and  
game tables, Victorian carved cherrywood bed and  
marble top dresser, painted iron fireplace screen, English  
Tie tray table, Oriental carpets 3x5 to 14x18, ornate wall  
mirrors, vintage table and floor lamps, Venetian  
chandelier, antique clocks, brass hat racks, artwork:  
Vintage oils, prints, lithos, lcaris, Audubons, Currier &  
Ives and Boratto's. 8 sets of sterling flatware, silver tea  
sets and serving pieces. 15 sets of china, Orientalia:  
glazed ceramics, Cloisonne, Blue and White, Imari and  
Carved jade. Crystal, bronzes, needlepoint, vintage  
costume and estate jewelry, linens, fur, quilts, booties,  
desks, 30's Wedgewood stove, pro treadmill, pottery,  
brass, copper, patio and MORE!!

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1801BA duplex, 2nd floor, 1100 sq. ft. No pets, smoking, 4500 Railroad Ave. Call HRS 925-417-7800

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# Lured by the dark side: Deeper, earthier tones 'in'

By Sharon Stangenes  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

THE BARN RED model home at Cornerstone Lakes in West Chicago is an eye-catcher. The color is so unusual in local new-home construction that when the model opened, a competitor "called to ask when we were going to add the silo," recalls Ed Fitch, marketing director for Town & Country Homes.

The color was selected quite intentionally, says Fitch: "We wanted to do colors reflective of the time period for the elevations" of the home styles reminiscent of those built from 1910 and 1920.

Buyers have reacted with interest to the "classic" red, deeper blue, charcoal gray, green and yellow that the developer offered in addition to the standard neutral grays and beiges.

The initial response has been judicious — about one-third of the buyers of the 134 homes sold have opted for the deeper, premium-priced colors, says Fitch.

"But as homes have been built and newer buyers actually see the finished product," says the marketing official, "there's been a surge in interest with a darker blue and richer green the most popular choices."

None of this surprises building suppliers and color experts, who say the natural fashion cycle, interest in so-called "authentic" period colors, new technology, and government regulation are some of the reasons we'll see more darker hues as well as more sophisticated color combinations in the not-too-distant future.

Once upon a time — like the 1960s — high-contrast exteriors such as white houses with black shutters were the style, says Claudia Hagen, associate paint buyer for Hoffman Estates, Ill.-based Sears, Roebuck & Co., retailer of Weatherbeater Paint.

"Today you are seeing more people put a warmer color on the face of the house, such as a pale gray with white trim," says Hagen, although white remains the color of choice for more than a third of homeowners, according to a 1998 Sears survey.

"Now we're beginning to see subtleties," says Ken Charbonneau, color

marketing specialist for Benjamin Moore Paints, based in Montvale, N.J. Today's fashionable exterior has "softer contrasts between the body of the house — the siding — and the trim with colorful accents like doors and shutters," he says.

Doors, in particular, have been getting more vivid in the last several years both here and across the nation.

Door color has "definitely become a personality statement" for many new home buyers, says Rose Godek, advertising and merchandise manager of Palatine, Ill.-based Concord Homes.

Cinnamon, teal, Lenox green and navy blue are just a few of the shades for which home buyers have opted recently.

More elaborate front entry areas inside some new homes may have contributed to the trend, says John Aiello, vice president of marketing for Sundance Homes, based in Rolling Meadows, Ill. With additional windows and other details, "the interior drama may be affecting the exterior," he suggests.

Whatever the reason, front doors and other details such as shutters, says Maria Despalto, director of the design center for Sundance Homes, are "most definitely" more colorful than two years ago.

"We are noticing a definite shift toward color for the exterior of the home. Homeowners have added more

vibrant colors to accent and trim areas of the home and we expect this to continue," says Hagen. Some of the emerging colors are in the deep plum, blue and red categories.

## Evolving shades

Purple tones are popping up with such regularity in California, seat of many new home trends, that "plum-colored doors are standard fare," says Miriam Tate, a designer in Costa Mesa who works with production builders.

"The most important trend" is less specific colors than "the greater receptivity on the part of homeowners to the notion of more color," says Margaret Walch, associate director of Color Association of United States, a New York-based color forecasting group. Colors will come from tints in glass, marble or stone as well as siding, she notes.

Like the colors in clothing and cars, home exterior hues are "cyclical" says Walch, albeit in relatively long 7- to 15-year swings.

"In a general sense you can talk about decades," she says. "The colors may emerge as really popular in 1972, but roughly it is the decade of the 1970s."

Colors do not disappear so much as evolve into new shades. Hagen notes green, which has been popular for several years, is evolving into sages and tones close to the old av-

ocado. Blues, but with touches of red, are coming on strong also, she notes.

"We're getting deeper, more saturated and a bit earthier," says Urban Keilman, senior designer for Avery Dennison, performance films division, in Schererville, Ind.

Keilman is a member of the Color Marketing Group, which identifies future color trends, and Avery Dennison works with the vinyl siding and auto industries.

There has been "a lot of inspiration from the last century" on current and emerging colors, says Keilman.

## It's all about region

It is possible now to scrape down

to the original paint on historic buildings and study it under a microscope, notes Keilman. And though the palette was much narrower 100 years ago than is possible today, contemporary colors of tawny brown, soft gray, cream and muted muddy tones of yellow, sage or terra cotta are richly complex.

In addition to historical preferences, distinct geographic color preferences play a part.

"Region is key. Neighborhood is key," says Walch. "In San Francisco, for example, lilacs and purples going to blues are strong. Almost '60s re-do but much subtler."

The Southeast, particularly

Florida, is open to "vibrant pastels, oranges and peaches," Hagen. Not surprisingly, adobe and brick hues are strong in the Southwest. While along the Gulf Coast in the Northeast "blues and blue-grays" are important, according to Keilman, the Midwest, according to Keilman, is a mix of medium and dark colors.

Town & Country's yellow Victorian-style homes near Children's Hospital, Long Beach, garnered positive reactions from buyers, and company officials are pleased by buyers who asked to be notified if they built another building, multifamily complex or other suburb.

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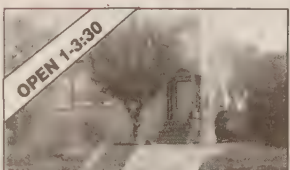


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## ACCAL BOYS HOOPS ROUNDUP

### Panthers pound Mustangs

St. Mary's boys  
reach league finals;  
El Cerrito falters

By Kurt Kloeblen

BERKELEY — St. Mary's High School center Kellen Dixon was determined to get his touch on the free throw line.

The senior stayed on the floor after the halftime buzzer to continue practicing shots from the charity stripe. His reason was a 2-for-12 performance from the line in the first half.

The work paid off. Dixon hit 3-of-4 free throws after intermission, and the Panthers pushed a four-point halftime lead into a 23-point lead after three quarters en route to an 80-67 win over St. Elizabeth (10-8) in a first-round Powerhouse Division playoff game in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League on Tuesday night.

The win puts the Panthers into the ACCAL Powerhouse Division final against Salesian High on Saturday at 5 p.m. at Alameda High School. Salesian easily defeated Piedmont 74-40 on Tuesday.

"We're aware of what we need to do. We have four seniors on this team and they all learned from last year. We want to get the automatic bid into North Coast and get that No. 1 seed."

—St. Mary's coach Jose Caraballo

#### Stellar performance

Despite the tough night from the free throw line, Dixon turned in a stellar performance with 19 points and 20 rebounds. It followed 32-point, 21-rebound effort on Friday against Alameda.

"(St. Mary's) Coach (Jose Caraballo) told me to just concentrate," Dixon said of his free throw trouble. "I was thinking about missing rather than making the shots, but I got my confidence back."

For much of the first half it looked like the Mustangs were going to make St. Mary's work for what was expected to be an easy win.

St. Elizabeth took a 29-23 lead with just over three minutes left in the second quarter. However, the Panthers stormed back to take a 35-31 lead at halftime.

The third quarter looked more like what St. Mary's has been accustomed to doing this season — running teams ragged.

The Panthers ran off a 13-4 spurt to start the quarter and put the game out of reach. The Panthers wound up outscoring the Mustangs 31-12 in the third.

"I just reminded the guys that we needed to step up the defense," Caraballo said of his halftime adjustments.

Four players scored in double figures for St. Mary's. Guard James Harris had 16, Ebon Glenn 15 and Deshawn Freeman 11.

Junior guard Bakari Altheimer paced St. Elizabeth with 21 points.

#### Redemption

The win over St. Elizabeth was a bit of redemption for St. Mary's. Last year the Mustangs defeated St. Mary's 47-44 in the first round of the ACCAL Powerhouse playoffs. Memories of that game and an opening-round loss to San Rafael in the North Coast Section playoffs are still fresh in many of the Panthers' minds.

"We're aware of what we need to do," Caraballo said. "We have four seniors on this team and they all learned from last year. We want to get the automatic bid into North Coast and get that No. 1 seed."

Dixon, one of those four seniors, says

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## St. Mary's can't duplicate upset

Lady Panthers hoping seasonal wins can carry them to North Coast playoffs

By Peter Mentor

Joselyn Shelton's arm came swinging around to knock the ball down, but instead it hit Lauren Presley's jaw with an audible "Crack!" that could be heard in the stands.

Shelton was doing what she had to do to stop the clock, Presley and the Monarchs in an attempt to get team back into the game.

St. Mary's trailed Holy Names by three points with 38.6 seconds left in the first round of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League Powerhouse Division playoffs.

The Lady Panthers had done all they could to trim an eight-point lead down to a manageable three in a little less than two minutes of play. They needed to do everything perfectly if they were going to beat Holy Names for a second time this season.

Presley shook off the foul to her face, missed her first free throw and made her second for a 33-29 Monarch lead.

St. Mary's still had a shot at winning or tying this one, but a turnover at the other end with 31 seconds left really the team in a remote possibility as Holy Names scored one point on two free throws. The Lady Panthers fouled again, allowing only three seconds to run off the clock. Sheressa Bailey hit one of two from the line for Holy Names at 34-29.

St. Mary's called a timeout to set up a play — to maybe get an outside shot — but Holy Names defense didn't allow any offense to happen and 17 seconds frittered away. The Lady Panthers fouled, allowed one more point from the line and they would not score again in the final four seconds as the league season came to a close with a 35-29 loss.

The only hope for extending the 1999-2000 season in any manner is for St. Mary's to reach the North Coast Section playoffs as an at-large team. The Lady Panthers will have to do that on the strength of their record, which stands at 13-12 overall.

Twelve teams will reach the NCS playoffs. League winners are guaranteed spots. After that, only teams with .500 or better records overall or in the division can apply, which means there are 14 eligible teams.

Then there are a number of very good teams out there that have a claim on a playoff position regardless of where they finish in league playoffs because they have excellent records.

When all is said and done, the Lady Panthers are up against three similar teams competing for the last two remaining spots. Fort Bragg (13-11), Lower Lake (12-13) and Middletown (12-12) are among the contenders.

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ST. MARY'S COURTNEY CAREY fights for possession during the league playoff opener against Holy Names Tuesday. The Panthers fell 35-29.

KATHY BAKER

## El Cerrito girls win a wild one

Lady Gauchos play in Super Powerhouse finals tonight against Alameda Hornets

By Scott Strain

ALAMEDA — Destini Nowlin ran around the floor with 18 seconds left, expecting to get fouled. She didn't. Instead, one of her teammates put up a wild shot that missed everything and with two seconds left, Encinal got the ball back underneath the Gauchos' basket.

One futile shot at the buzzer, and the Gauchos escaped with a wild and improbable 46-45 victory over the Jets Tuesday night in the first round of the Alameda County playoffs. El Cerrito (12-12) will play Alameda for the Super Power championship Friday night at 8 p.m. at Alameda High. The Hornets knocked off De Anza 60-42 Tuesday night in another first-round game.

The game was wild because of all the 3-point shots attempted in the game, four decided to go in the final four minutes, turning a brick-laden game into a shootout. Nowlin, El Cerrito's all-league guard, had the two biggest 3s, hitting the first one with 2:35 left to break a 40-40 tie and then another at 1:35 to give the Gauchos a 46-42 lead.

Encinal's Raushanah Basir hit a 3-pointer with 1:27 left to bring the Jets to

within one at 46-45 and then the fun began. Brianni Davis of El Cerrito was called for traveling with 44 seconds left, but Encinal missed three shots inside before Tiffany Shepherd corralled the rebound. She was called for an offensive foul with 25 seconds left, but Jackie Randolph missed the front end of a 1-and-1 and Shepherd rebounded.

Shepherd got the ball to Nowlin, who ran around the Encinal backcourt, ex-

pecting to get fouled. Jets coach Dewayne Homage pleaded for one, but his team did not heed his pleas. Game over.

"I was surprised; I was a bit nervous, I didn't know what to do," said Nowlin, who finished with 17 points. "I was running around like a chicken with my head cut off. I got a slap on the hand: I was expecting the referee to call it, but he didn't."

—Destini Nowlin

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## St. Mary's soccer gains respect

Panthers prepare for next year by  
boosting up nonleague schedule

By Scott Strain

Even though the St. Mary's High School boys soccer team got knocked out in the first round of the North Coast Section Championships, the Panthers feel they have earned the respect of other strong soccer programs by advancing as far as they did.

After defeating Piedmont 1-0 to reach the championship match of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs, the Panthers were defeated 2-1 by league champion Richmond. Advancement to the ACCAL title match enabled St. Mary's to earn a spot in the NCS championships, but any dreams of a Cinderella season were shattered when it lost 5-1 to a strong Newark Memorial team last Friday in the first round.

"I believe we earned additional respect by playing in the league championship and making it to the first round of the NCS," St. Mary's coach Teale Matteson said. "We have not habitually played the strongest teams in other leagues and our inexperienced showed."

Matteson, who has a number of talented sophomores and juniors on his team, will upgrade his nonleague sched-

The wind and rain were so heavy in Richmond that the Oilers' goal structure was blown over during the match. No one was hurt.

ule next year to make his team more tournament-tough. He has already accepted an invitation to play in the Newark Memorial Tournament next year, one of the top soccer tournaments in the East Bay.

In the ACCAL championship match two weeks ago Friday, St. Mary's and Richmond played in horrendous conditions on the Oilers' home field. The Alameda-at-Piedmont girls match was canceled that same day due to heavy rain, but the boys teams decided to play on.

After a scoreless first half, Jorge

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MARK DUFRENE

STEPHON MCGREW of St. Mary's High heads the ball during a rain-soaked ACCAL championship match against Richmond on Feb. 11.



# Berkeley boys and girls hoops gain twin titles

## Girls go undefeated, boys share crown with Foothill

Staff report

Berkeley High School's girls and boys basketball teams wrapped up their East Bay Athletic League basketball season last Friday and both came out as champions.

The Berkeley girls went undefeated in the EBAL and finished up with yet another blowout win, this time the victim was visiting California High, which looked up at the short end of a 100-27 score.

Aisha Hollans alone scored more than enough points to beat the lowly Grizzlies, leading Berkeley with a game-high 38.

The remaining 62 Yellowjackets points were well spread around. Robin Roberson finished with 12, Danielle Milburn eight and Cetum

O'Brien seven.

Erica McGlaston, Gelater Fullwood and Nycole Brown added six each for the Yellowjackets (24-2, 14-0). Angelita Hutton and Celeste Jenkins scored five points apiece.

Sabrina Keys finished with three. Rebekah Payne added a basket and Natasha Bailey had a pair of free throws.

Berkeley finished the EBAL season three game ahead of second-place Amador Valley (20-6, 11-3), a 71-57 winner over cross-town rival Foothill in Pleasanton.

### Boys shares title

Berkeley 67, California 46  
SAN RAMON — David Doubly scored 13 points to help defending-champion Berkeley clinch a share of

this year's EBAL title.

After taking a 14-6 lead by the end of the first quarter, Berkeley (22-4, 12-2) pulled away with a 12-0 run to start the second quarter.

Sean Biddinger led the Grizzlies (16-9, 6-8) with 12 points, and teammate Aaron Bailey had 10, including seven in the fourth quarter.

Foothill meanwhile grabbed a share of its first league title since 1988 by drubbing cross-town rival Amador Valley 66-43 before an overflow crowd of 1,600 in its home gym.

Foothill (22-4, 12-2), which will vie for the NCS Division III's top seed on Feb. 27, lost its bid to win the EBAL outright after falling to Monte Vista 67-63 Wednesday.

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### Charity basketball

Players from the 49ers and Raiders will hold their second annual Battle of The Bay celebrity basketball game at 7:30 p.m., in the Oakland Arena on Saturday, March 11. Tickets are \$18 for adults (18-up) and \$12 for children. Proceeds will benefit Achieve (for autistic youth), the Tracy Bilenkoff Foundation and Pep Talk Scholarships. Gates will open at 5 p.m. Former

49er and Raider Jerone Davison is organizing the event. For ticket information, call BASS at 762-2277 or visit the event Web site at [www.battleofthebay.com](http://www.battleofthebay.com).

### Sportswriting

The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame is accepting entries for the Art Rosenbaum Sportswriting Scholarship. Juniors and seniors in Bay Area high schools can submit their sports-oriented articles that appeared in their school papers during the 1999-2000 sports seasons.

High schools can submit up to two entries each, with a limit of one article per student. A panel of professional journalists will serve as judges. First place is \$2,000. Awards will be presented at the end of the spring semester.

The annual awards were established in 1992 by Lou Spadia, president of the Hall of Fame, to honor columnist Art Rosenbaum. He was a sportswriter for the San Francisco Chronicle for about 60 years.

Entries should be sent by April 15 to The Rosenbaum Scholarships, BASHOF, 465 California St., San Francisco 94104. For more informa-

tion, call 1-415-352-8827.

### Youth basketball

The Nor-Cal AAU Basketball select program is looking for top talented players for its travel teams. The teams, consisting of boys in grades 5-11, will play against local, regional, state and national competition. Teams will hold one or two practices a week with games on weekends from March through August. Tryouts are planned for late February. For more information, call 1-925-939-9998 or log on to [www.norcalaa.com](http://www.norcalaa.com).

The Pacific AAU Boys Basketball Tournament schedule begins in March with three Bay Area seeding tournaments followed by the national qualifier.

There will be separate tournaments for girls. For more information, call 1-925-939-9998 or log on to [www.norcalaa.com](http://www.norcalaa.com).

The Piedmont Recreation Department needs referees for its after-school (3-6 p.m.), evening (6-8 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m.-noon) basketball programs. Pay ranges from \$10-\$13 per hour. For details, call Lenny Parker at 420-3074.



ST. MARY'S COURTNEY CAREY, center, shoots a jumper over Holy Names Monique Alderice (20) during the ACCAL Powerhouse playoffs Tuesday at Alameda High.

## Girls

FROM PAGE C1

St. Mary's coach Don Lawson felt confident his team would get a bid since the Lady Panthers are 8-2 against Division IV schools. They have regular-season wins over Holy Names (19-7) and Kennedy (16-6), the two teams playing tonight in the ACCAL Powerhouse Division finals.

Both are sure to make it into the NCS playoffs. That means they will have a victory over a league champion.

Beating Holy Names has a star quality to it. The Monarchs are the five-time defending Powerhouse champions, going for a sixth straight title tonight.

Holy Names is also the defending North Coast champions, and although past success is not supposed

to influence the selection committee, it often does. A win over the champion counts a lot. The victory over the Monarchs could easily be the clincher, especially if Holy Names wins the league title.

Still, it would have been a coup had the Lady Panthers pulled off the upset Tuesday.

Holy Names led 12-8 after one quarter, but neither team was able to do much in the second quarter — scoring a combined eight points on three field goals and two free throws — and they went into the half at 16-12.

St. Mary's held Presley in check for three periods to keep this game close. The speedy Monarch guard scored eight points in the first quarter. After that the Lady Panthers kept her scoreless from the floor, allowing only two points on 2-of-8 free throw shooting from the line in the

next three quarters.

Carey in the meantime was up for a slow start. After just two points in the first quarter, she scored 10 more in the second to lead her team with 12 points.

Shelton made a nice one-legged jump-shooting drive down the lane in the fourth quarter during the 5-0 run that brought the Lady Panthers within reach. But St. Mary's could not convert on a couple of breaks, and second-half chances under the basket dropped.

Celeste McGruder scored points for the Lady Panthers. Jennifer Scott, Shelton and Warren added four points each.

Holy Names did not play particularly well, especially from the floor. The Monarchs hit just five shots. St. Mary's hit nine of the line

## Soccer

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Abonce scored to give Richmond a 1-0 lead early in the second half. "He had scored five goals against us when we lost to them 6-4 early in the season," Matteson said, "so we were watching out for him. We came back with a lot of momentum in the second half."

The Panthers tied it in the 60th minute when Stephen McGrew scored with an assist from Chris Alfert, but Angel Orduño hit the game-winner in the 70th minute off a deflected shot from St. Mary's goalkeeper Justin Kelly.

The wind and rain were so heavy in Richmond that the Oilers' goal

structure was blown over during the match. No one was hurt. Another highlight of the conditions was an 80-yard kick from Kelly that traveled from the top of the St. Mary's penalty box to the top of the Richmond box.

"It was headed toward the goal," Matteson said. "It glanced off the head of one of our sweepers and the Richmond goal keeper made a jumping save. The kick was wind-aided, of course but if that had gone in, it would have really silenced the crowd — if it could have been heard over the howling wind."

There were no such theatrics against Newark Memorial. "They came out and immediately recognized we were an young and inexperienced team," Matteson said. "They scored two quick goals and

were up 3-0 at the half. It looked as if the final score would be 3-0."

The Panthers were played out captain Mike Pallas suffered a deep leg contusion. Matteson said, "But we have saved the Panthers."

"We rallied as best we could in the game," Matteson said. "Newark Memorial put them in and we finally scored" with an assist from Novak, put in the Panthers in the 61st minute.

"Pallas is a big part of the team but now they know they can win without him," Matteson said. "With a bunch of all-league players and more juniors, expect things from this team next year."

### PREP BOYS

ACCAL playoffs  
Super Powerhouse Division  
St. Joseph 71, Encinal 58

ENCINAL (14-11)  
Contra Costa 41-13, Micky Weber 2-2-8, Jon Price 3-0-1-6, Ed Thomas 5-2-14, Chris Davis 1-0-2, Isaac Watts 2-0-4, Will Conage 0-2-2, Michael Stanfield 3-2-6, Hallard Jackson 1-0-2, Totals 22-9-24  
ST. JOSEPH (20-7)  
Kevin Butler 7-3-17, An Warmerdam 7-0-0-16, Donovan Brewer 0-1-2, Danny Williams 1-0-2, Omar Smith 1-0-3, Kevin Neveu 1-2-4, Seth Jones 4-2-10, Ryan Bello 6-0-12, Ben Orton 3-0-6, Totals 30-8-10-71

3-point goals: Willis 3, Weber 2, Warmerdam 2, Smith 2. De Anza plays St. Joseph Friday 8 p.m. in championship at Alameda HS.

De Anza 88, El Cerrito 68  
EL CERRITO (16-11)  
Billy Hill 0-1-21, Ronnie Lang 2-2-6, Ricky Hale 5-1-11, Jamal Hill 0-2-22, Kenneth James 1-0-2, James Brown 2-1-5, Joshua McCormick 1-4-3, Franco Harris 3-3-9, Ricky Gatewood 3-4-8, Totals 27-14-23-68

De ANZA (17-10)  
Caleb Gillard 4-1-10, Anthony Esley 1-0-2, Dante Hawkins 6-1-16, Antonio Jones 3-4-5-10, Angelo Hughes 7-1-4-15, Michael McCadden 13-5-33, Wallace Oston 1-0-2, Totals 35-12-16-88

El Cerrito 19-17-12-20-88  
De Anza 14-22-26-26-88  
3-point goals: Hawkins 3, McCadden 2, Gillard 2, Oston 2, Esley 2.

Highlights: De Anza — McCadden 9 rebounds, Hughes 8 rebounds.  
Powerhouse Division  
St. Mary's 80, St. Elizabeth 67  
ST. ELIZABETH (10-8)  
Peter Best 1-2-5-4, Terrence Edmonds 1-6-9, Bakari Al-

themer 8-2-21, Ronald Odukan 0-2-2, Mike Garcia 0-0-0, Michael Loller 3-2-8, Ronny Jones 7-2-16, Miguel Driggs 2-0-4, Dave Ingram 0-2-2, Lavar Halsei 1-2-1, Totals 22-19-26-67

ST. MARY'S (23-41)  
Ebon Glenn 5-3-5-15, Deshaun Freeman 4-3-4-11, Chase Moore 4-0-2-8, James Hams 5-5-5-16, Kellen Oston 7-5-16-19, Omar Pathum 0-0-0, John Sharper 1-4-5, Matt Strout 1-0-1, Jeremiah Fidler 0-2-0, Daniel Toller 1-2-4, Carl Williams 0-0-0, Courtney Brown 0-0-0, Totals 22-41-80

St. Elizabeth 11-20-24-67  
St. Mary's 15-20-31-14-88

3-point goals: Glenn 2, Hams, Edmond Althamer Fouled out Jones

Salesian 74, Piedmont 40  
PIEDMONT (13-14)  
Brad Williams 1-0-3, Charlie Stebbins 2-0-5, Peter Schneider 1-1-2, Michael Stock 1-2-4, Terry Kay 4-4-12, Tim Browne 0-2-4, Evan Epstein 0-0-0, Nick Doran 0-0-0, John Westfall 3-3-7-11, Mac Scott 0-0-0, Totals 12-12-21-40

SALESIAN (20-7)  
Marcus Richardson 4-3-13, Brandon Jones 1-2-3, Eric Earls 4-0-10, Jose Maldonado 1-1-2, Kyle Langford 1-2-3, James Johnson 3-0-7, John Winston 0-0-13, Kevin Richardson 2-0-1-4, Daniel Watson 1-0-2, Derek Payne 0-1-8, David Jobe 4-0-0-8, Totals 31-6-12-74

Piedmont 12-9-11-8-40  
Salesian 10-20-26-16-74

3-point goals: Westfall 2, Williams Stebbins M Richardson 2, Earls 2, Johnson, Windsor

Highlights: SAL — Winston 8 assists, Payne 7 rebounds

### PREP GIRLS

Tuesday  
ACCAL playoffs  
Super Powerhouse Division  
El Cerrito 46, Encinal 45

EL CERRITO (12-12)  
Destiny Nowlin 7-0-16, Dinah Belvin 1-0-2, Nikk Redding 0-0-2, Yvonna Brown 6-5-9-17, Brian Davis 0-1-3, Cynthia Konon 0-1-0, Camella Riley 0-0-0, Lefisha Hager 1-2-2, Rebecca Nagasatosi 0-0-0, Analiese McGrew 1-0-2-2

Tiffany Shepherd 2-0-4, Jeana Radosevich 0-0-0, Totals 18-6-19-46

ENCINAL (22-5)  
Juanita Lyons 3-2-4-9, Lottie Wise 1-0-2-2, Rushanna Baker 3-1-4-8, Tae Green 2-1-2-5, Noelle Samuels 5-2-4-12, Jackie Handolph 2-1-3-5, Sonya Sarcos 0-0-0, Amber English 2-0-3-4, Pearson 0-0-0, Scott 0-0-0, Totals 18-7-22-45

El Cerrito 14-13-7-12-46  
Encinal 15-11-6-13-45

3-point goals: Nowlin 2, Lyons Bashir Fouled out Belvin

Wor Technical School

Highlights: EC — Nowlin 8 rebounds, 2 blocks, Brown 7 rebounds, 2 steals, Shepherd 8 rebounds, two blocks

### PREP

ACCAL girls basketball playoffs — Powerhouse Division championship Holy Names vs. Kennedy at Alameda 6 p.m. Superpower Division championship El Cerrito at Alameda, 8 p.m.

### Saturday

ACCAL boys basketball — League playoffs, TBA Powerhouse Division championship St. Mary's vs. Salesian at Alameda, 5 p.m. Superpower Division championship St. Joseph vs. De Anza at Alameda, 8 p.m.

Highlights: SAL — Winston 8 assists, Payne 7 rebounds

ST. ELIZABETH (10-8)  
Peter Best 1-2-5-4, Terrence Edmonds 1-6-9, Bakari Al-

## Win

FROM PAGE C1

"In the previous games, we haven't come out with any spirit or confidence in our team, and we stepped up tonight and pretty much did it."

With all of Nowlin's and Tyeisha Brown's heroics, this was Encinal's game to lose, and the Jets did it.

Encinal couldn't hit from the outside, missed a bunch of follow shots and hit 33 percent (7-of-21) from the foul line.

El Cerrito, on the other hand, couldn't rebound, missed a ton of shots and hit just 8-of-18 free-throw attempts.

"We started off the game pressing a little bit more and try to get them a little more fatigued," El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said.

"We tried to capitalize on their

mistakes at the end, but we didn't rebound that well and that kept it close."

Brown scored 14 points in the first half, many on hell-for-leather drives to the hoop, and led the Gauchos to a 27-26 lead at the half.

El Cerrito stretched its lead to 31-26 early in the third quarter, but Juanita Lyons' basket with 3:35 left in third quarter completed a 6-0 run that put the Jets back into the lead at 32-31.

From then on, it was back-and-forth. Noelle Samuels gave Encinal its last lead at 40-38 with three minutes left.

Brown stole the ball and drove for a fast-break layup that tied the score at 40-40 and from then on, it was pretty much destiny.

And on this rainy night, it was pretty much all El Cerrito needed to pull off the upset.

## Panthers

FROM PAGE C1

winning the ACCAL playoffs is not the team's ultimate goal.

"Our goal the whole year has been to get to state," Dixon said. "We've thrived on that and now we're just one step closer."

St. Mary's will need to stop Salesian junior forward Marcus Richardson and freshman guard John Winston, each who scored 13 points in the win over Piedmont. Winston also dished eight assists and Eric Earls added 10 points to lead Salesian (20-7) to its 34-point win over Piedmont (13-14).

David Jobe and Derek Payne had eight points apiece for Salesian. Payne pulled down seven rebounds.

### Super Powerhouse

RICHMOND — Junior forward Michael McCadden scored 33 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead De Anza (17-10) to a 88-68 ACCAL Super Powerhouse Division win over El Cerrito (16-11).

The Dons face St. Joseph on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Alameda High School in the Super Powerhouse championship. In another Super Powerhouse first-round game on Wednesday, the Pilots (20-7) pulled away and defeated city rival Encinal

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# Arts

## 'Alchemist' boasts the right chemistry

By Pat Craig

Ben Jonson's 400-year-old play, *The Alchemist*, gets a new adaptation from San Francisco Mime Troupe's Joan Holden for its run at Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

### THEATER PREVIEW

■ **What:** *The Alchemist*

■ **When:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays

■ **Where:** Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley

■ **Tickets:** \$33-\$48

■ **Call:** 510-845-4700



BEN JONSON'S *'The Alchemist'* playing at Berkeley Repertory Theatre stars David Paul Francis and Sharon

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## HOT SHEET!

■ Jazz musician Susan Werner will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Cost \$13.50/\$14.50.

■ The 1999 Gospel Academy Award-winning Best Community Choir will host a free evening musical at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at First Congregational Church of Oakland, 27th & Harrison streets, Oakland. The event will feature several respected talents, including Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir and Emmitt Powell & The Gospel Elites. Call 415-468-9049.

### EVENTS



DAVE VAN RONK, a jazz and blues folk artist, will perform at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 29, at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets \$16.50/\$17.50.

**Cal Performances**—*"L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato,"* March 1 through March 5. A performance by the Mark Morris Dance Group, with Nicholas McGegan conducting the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra. \$34 to \$52. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. Call 510-642-9988 or 510-762-BASS.

**Musicsources**—*Juilleta* / Feb. 27, 5 p.m. A program of Spanish dance and music by Scarlatti, Soler, Senas, Murcia, and others. \$18 general, \$15 seniors and students. Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Call 510-528-1684.

**Point Isabel Regional Shoreline**—*Clic And Tric With Your Dog*, Feb. 26, 3 p.m. Clic training is the secret weapon of animal training. Learn to use it to train your dog to do tricks and obey basic commands to allow you to reduce or eliminate corrections and punishment. For age 14 and older. Registration required. \$53. Call 510-636-1684. Free. West end of Central Avenue, El Cerrito.

**Tilden Regional Park**—*Botanic Garden Stroll*, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. See what's new in the native garden.

■ **Site Stewardship**, Sunday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m. Help clear some land of encroaching non-native plants. For age 10 and older.

■ **Chicken Or The Egg?**, March 1, 9:30 a.m. Help feed the hens, look for fresh eggs, and practice crowing.

■ **Snake Talk**, March 5, 1 p.m. Visit resident serpents and learn about them first-hand.

■ **Puddles and Ponds in Winter**, March 5, 2 p.m. Visit the pond diorama, then see what is wiggling and squiggling at a Nature Area pond.

■ **Farm Fun**, March 5, 3:30 p.m. Meet the Little Farm animals, grind corn for the chickens and tuck them into bed. For ages 7-12.

■ **New Moon Hike**, March 6, 5:30 p.m. Clear skies will reward us with beautiful views of the bay, stars, and planets.

■ **Botanic Garden Tours**—Guided docent tours of the gardens. Call ahead for times and to confirm tour is on for the day; most Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m. Free. Call 510-841-8732.

Free unless noted otherwise. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. Call 510-525-2233.

**Dunsmuir House And Gardens Historic Estate**—Closed for the winter.

Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander

## 'Fellow nominees, you should be up here, too'

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When you travel, mention to someone you're a fan of the Golden Globe Awards. You'll be in good company. The ceremony, which takes place in the Hollywood Roosevelt Ballroom, is one of the most glamorous and prestigious events in the entertainment industry. It's a night where the best in film and television are celebrated, and where the stars of the industry come out in force to support their fellow nominees. The ceremony is a true celebration of the art of film and television, and it's a night that everyone who loves the industry should be up here, too.



COREY LYONS

Lost Thoughts

Corey Lyons, a 1992 Best Actor nominee for *Boiler Room*, is a man who knows his way around a film set. He's been in the industry for over a decade, and he's seen it all. He's been on the winning end of the Golden Globe, and he's been on the losing end. But he's always remained grounded, and he's always remained a fan of the industry. He's a man who knows his way around a film set, and he's a man who knows his way around a film set.

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## 'Boiler Room' testosterone spills over

The latest male angst film takes a hard, fascinating look at pursuit of the almighty dollar

By Karen Hershenson



MICKEY KILLIANEY (l-r). Berkeley resident Gary Horowitz and Patricia Meade are three pals writing Broadway musicals in *'Merrily We Roll Along,'* which opens Friday, Feb. 25, at Foothill Music Theatre in Los Altos Hills. Through March 19. Call 650-948-4444.

*Men* exposed the male animal's most primitive, self-absorbed state: the angry young man gone mad.

These *Boiler Room* boys raised with the conflicting message that they must be sensitive yet strong. A tiger in his boardroom. They are frustrated. They are angry. They are men.

*Fight Club* serves it straight up. You are not special. You are not a hero. You are not a snowflake.

The latest log fueling this bonfire is *'Boiler Room'*, set not in some underground but like *'Company of Men'*, a contemporary work place. There is nothing civilized about the *'boiler room'* of J.T. Marlin, a shady brokerage firm where guys in their 20s push to become overnight millionaires by selling shaky, even nonexistent stock.

It takes surging testosterone and a slippery rap to exceed in this pressure-cooker environment, and our narrator, 19-year-old college dropout Seth Davis (Giovanni Ribisi), has both. The son of a judge, he has already hit upon illegal activity—in the form of a basement casino—as the quickest route to the American Dream.

Like the boiler-room flunkies around him, dazzled by stories of Microsoft millionaires and secretaries with their own groundkeepers, he has convinced himself that this is good; this is OK. Whatever it takes to get the babe and the Ferrari.

### REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** *'Boiler Room'*

■ **Starring:** Giovanni Ribisi, Vin Diesel, Nia Long

■ **Rating:** R (strong language, some drug content)

■ **Running time:** 1 hour, 50 minutes

■ **Where:** area theaters

■ **Grade:** B+

Cynical stuff, and what makes *'Boiler Room'* so effective is that Seth is basically a moral person. Though he may thrust ahead with the J.T. Marlin dictum of doing whatever it takes to make the sale, he's got big questions, and he keeps stumbling upon the answers. Compounding his dilemma is the conflict with his deeply ethical father (Ron Rifkin), whom he can never please.

Ribisi, already impressive as the medic in *'Saving Private Ryan,'* earns our empathy because of this inner conflict. He's got the smarts to succeed at this sleazy game, but enough conscience to warrant respect. The film's one female, a secretary played by Nia Long (*'The Best Man'*), senses this, and the two become involved despite friction from Seth's prickly, self-serving mentor (Nicky Katt).

From its opening at an all-male celebration party, the movie immerses us in its adrenaline-rush reality. Ben Affleck has a flickering appearance as the J.T. Marlin recruiter,

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## Surf's up for Beach Boys TV movie

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change  
Call theaters for information.

Compiled by: CinemaSource

## \* Wheelchair Accessible

Showtimes for Friday, February 25.

## Alameda County

## Act I &amp; II

Center St. off Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• **The Cup** (R) 7:00, 9:15  
• **The Emperor and the Assassin** (NR) 9:15

## Albany Twin

Solo at San Pablo Ave. Albany 843-FILM  
• **All About My Mother** (R) 7:00, 9:15  
• **Topsy-Turvy** (R) 5:00, 8:15

## California Theatres

On Shattuck at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• **American Beauty** (R) 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20  
• **Boys Don't Cry** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45  
• **Wonder Boys** (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35

## Century 25 Union City Union Landing\*

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593  
• **American Beauty** (R) 12:55, 3:45, 6:50, 9:30  
• **The Beach** (R) 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30  
• **The Boomer** (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40  
• **Boiler Room** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:45  
• **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:35, 6:45, 9:45  
• **Eyes of the Beholder** (R) 7:35, 10:00  
• **Galaxy Quest** (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:25  
• **The Green Mile** (R) 12:35, 4:35, 8:30  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 12:15, 2:50, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00  
• **The Hurricane** (R) 4:05, 7:15, 10:25  
• **The Insider** (R) 3:25, 6:55, 10:15  
• **Next Friday** (R) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05  
• **Pitch Black** (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:40, 3:00, 4:30, 5:50, 7:00, 8:45, 9:35  
• **Reindeer Games** (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:30, 1:35, 2:50, 3:55, 5:30, 6:20, 8:00, 9:00, 10:35  
• **Screen 3** (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00  
• **Snow Day** (PG) 12:45, 3:05, 5:35, 7:50, 9:15, 10:10  
• **Stuart Little** (PG) 11:55 a.m., 2:00  
• **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55, 10:20  
• **The Tiger Movie** (G) 11:25 a.m., 12:10, 1:25, 2:15, 4:15, 7:00  
• **Toy Story 2** (G) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 11:25 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:55, 2:55, 4:40, 5:25, 7:10, 8:05, 9:40, 10:45  
• **Wonder Boys** (R) 11:40 a.m., 12:50, 2:25, 3:30, 5:00, 6:16, 7:45, 9:10, 10:45

## Century Oakland 8

880 at 5201 Oakland, Oakland 562-9990  
• **The Beach** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40  
• **The Hurricane** (R) 7:00, 10:00  
• **Next Friday** (R) 12:15, 2:20, 4:35, 7:05, 9:20  
• **Pitch Black** (R) 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55  
• **Reindeer Games** (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30  
• **Screen 3** (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
• **Snow Day** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:40, 9:35  
• **Stuart Little** (PG) noon, 2:05, 4:15  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 9:50

## Chabot Cinema

2633 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 932-2555  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

## Elmwood

2956 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530  
• **Girl, Interrupted** (R) 9:15  
• **The Insider** (R) 5:00, 8:00  
• **The Sixth Sense** (PG-13) 4:45, 9:20  
• **The Straight Story** (G) 7:00  
• **Sweet and Lowdown** (PG-13) 7:15  
• **Tumbleweeds** PG-13, 4:50

## Fane Arts Cinema - Berkeley

2151 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143  
• **Paris, Texas** (NR) 9:15  
• **To the Sea (Vers la Mer)** (R) 7:30

## Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556  
• **The Beach** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00  
• **Reindeer Games** (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) noon, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

## Jack London Cinema

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1330  
• **American Beauty** (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10  
• **The Beach** (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
• **Boiler Room** (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55  
• **The Hurricane** (R) 9:45  
• **Pitch Black** (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05  
• **Screen 3** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35  
• **Snow Day** (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30  
• **The Tiger Movie** (G) noon, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40  
• **Wonder Boys** (R) 11:00 a.m., 2:05, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15

## Mann Festival 9

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000  
• **American Beauty** (R) 1:00, 3:45, 7:15, 10:00  
• **The Beach** (R) 12:20, 3:15, 7:10, 9:00, 9:45  
• **The Green Mile** (R) 8:00  
• **Next Friday** (R) 12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:05, 9:30  
• **Pitch Black** (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10  
• **Reindeer Games** (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15  
• **Snow Day** (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:25, 9:55  
• **Stuart Little** (PG) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45  
• **The Tiger Movie** (G) noon, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05

## NAZ 8

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000  
• **Badal** (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
• **Hot Ram** (NR) 9:30, 11:00, 1:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:30  
• **Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai** (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
• **Phir Bhi Dil Hai Hindustani** (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
• **Pakar** (NR) 5:00, 9:00

## Oaks Theater

1879 Soano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836  
• **The Green Mile** (R) 8:15  
• **The Jaundiced Eye** (NR) 6:30  
• **Magnolia** (R) 7:15

## Piedmont Theatre

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM  
• **All About My Mother** (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00  
• **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40  
• **Holy Smokes!** (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

## Shattuck Cinemas

On Shattuck at Kittredge, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• **Being John Malkovich** (R) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 10:00  
• **Boiler Room** (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45  
• **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30  
• **Holy Smokes!** (R) 1:30, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50  
• **The Hurricane** (R) 1:40, 4:45, 8:00  
• **Manfield Park** (PG-13) 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20  
• **Rear Window** (1954) (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30  
• **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) 1:00, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30  
• **The Third Miracle** (R) 12:50, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10

## Silver Super Saver Cinemas Fremont 7\*

30168 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Gateway Plaza Shopping Ctr., Fremont 505-9292  
• **Anna and the King** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:40, 9:45  
• **The Bachelor** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50  
• **The Bone Collector** (R) 7:25, 9:55  
• **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo** (R) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
• **Double Jeopardy** (R) 3:30, 10:00  
• **End of Days** (R) 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25  
• **Pokémon: The First Movie** (G) 12:25, 3:25, 5:25  
• **Supernova** (PG-13) 1:20, 5:45, 7:50  
• **The World Is Not Enough** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

## UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487  
• **The Beach** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20  
• **Galaxy Quest** (PG) noon, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40  
• **Pitch Black** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
• **Reindeer Games** (R) 12:10, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40  
• **Screen 3** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30  
• **Snow Day** (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 8:15

• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00

## UA Emerybay 10

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 420-0107  
• **American Beauty** (R) 11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
• **The Beach** (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20  
• **Boiler Room** (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40  
• **A Galaxy Far Far Away** (NR) 9:30  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40  
• **Pitch Black** (R) noon, 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40  
• **Reindeer Games** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50  
• **Scream** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45  
• **Snow Day** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15  
• **The Tiger Movie** (G) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00

## UA Hayward 6

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-3000  
• **Boiler Room** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:45, 10:15  
• **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) noon, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15  
• **Husbands and Wives** (NR) 12:30, 7:15  
• **Scream** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
• **The Sixth Sense** (PG-13) 4:30, 10:30  
• **Wonder Boys** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30

## UC Theatre

University Avenue between Milva Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• **Reservoir Dogs** (NR) 5:30, 9:10  
• **Run Lola Run** (R) 7:30, 11:15

## Central Contra Costa

## Festival Walnut Creek

1450 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649  
• **The Beach** (R) 1:15, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10  
• **Boiler Room** (R) 12:45, 4:30, 7:00, 10:00  
• **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10  
• **Galaxy Quest** (PG) noon, 2:30, 4:40  
• **The Green Mile** (R) 8:00  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

## Orinda Theater

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060  
• **Boys Don't Cry** (R) 6:45, 9:10  
• **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:40  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

## Park Theater

3519 Gs. Dr. Gay Way, Lafayette 283-7997  
• **Topsy-Turvy** (R) 4:00, 7:30

## Rheem All-Stadium 4

350 Park Street, Moraga 988-3411  
• **American Beauty** (R) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45  
• **The Beach** (R) 4:30, 7:00, 9:20  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 5:15, 7:45, 9:50  
• **Wonder Boys** (R) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

## AMC 1000 Van Ness

1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415) 922-4444  
• **American Beauty** (R) 1:45, 4:50, 7:50, 10:55  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:10, 3:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 8:05, 9:35, 10:55  
• **The Hurricane** (R) 1:50, 5:05, 8:45, 11:55  
• **Magnolia** (R) 3:05, 7:00, 11:05  
• **Pitch Black** (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15, 12:45 a.m.  
• **Screen 3** (R) 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55, 12:35 a.m.  
• **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:40, 10:40  
• **The Tiger Movie** (G) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:00  
• **Topsy-Turvy** (R) 3:20, 7:05, 10:30  
• **The Whole Nine Yards** (R) 1:40, 4:45, 7:25, 8:15, 10:00, 12:45, 12:50 a.m.  
• **Wonder Boys** (R) 1:10, 1:55, 4:20, 5:10, 7:10, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50, 12:30 a.m.

## AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post St., San Francisco (415) 922-4444  
• **Boiler Room** (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05  
• **Galaxy Quest** (PG) 1:45, 5:35, 8:05, 10:30  
• **Girl, Interrupted** (R) 4:10, 10:10  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20  
• **The Hurricane** (R) 1:05, 7:10  
• **Pitch Black** (R) 1:40, 5:25, 7:50, 10:25  
• **Rear Window** (1954) (PG) 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30  
• **Snow Day** (PG) 1:00, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:00  
• **Wonder Boys** (R) 1:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

## Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
• **Boys Don't Cry** (R) 5:40, 7:10, 9:45

## Castro Theatre

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415) 621-6120  
• **The City (La Ciudad)** (NR) 7:00, 9:10

## Clay

2261 Filmore St., San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
• **All About My Mother** (R) 4:55, 7:15, 9:40

## Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
• **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 12:20, 3:10, 7:00, 9:55  
• **Holy Smokes!** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10  
• **Manfield Park** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
• **The Third Miracle** (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45  
• **Titus** (R) 12:40, 4:30, 8:10

## Lumiere

1572 California St., San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
• **The Cup** (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50  
• **Mr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr.** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:35, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55  
• **Not One Less** (NR) noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40

## Opera Plaza Cinemas

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
• **The Emperor and the Assassin** (NR) 1:10, 4:30, 8:00  
• **The Insider** (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:50  
• **The Straight Story** (G) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50  
• **Sweet and Lowdown** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:00, 7:20, 9:35

## Red Vic

1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415) 668-3994  
• **Detroit 9000** (R) 7:15, 9:45

## Roxie

3117 16th St., San Francisco (415) 863-1087  
• **The Jaundiced Eye** (NR) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

## Sony Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415) 369-6200  
• **American Beauty** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:40, 5:45, 8:25, 11:10  
• **The Beach** (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 2:15, 3:30, 5:15, 6:15, 7:55, 9:25, 10:50  
• **Boiler Room** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40  
• **Galaxy Quest** (PG) 10:50 a.m., 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40  
• **Hanging Up** (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:25, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:35  
• **The Hurricane** (R) 12:15, 3:45, 7:15, 10:25  
• **Magnolia** (R) 12:20, 4:20, 8:45  
• **Reindeer Games** (R) noon, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00, 11:30  
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## Sony Metreon IMAX

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415) 369-6200  
• **Fantasia 2000** (G) 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

## UA Galaxy

1285 Sutter St., San Francisco (415) 474-8700  
• **The Beach** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 10:00  
• **The Green Mile** (R) noon, 8:00  
• **Judy Berlin** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 7:00, 9:30  
• **Snow Day** (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:15, 7:15, 9:15

## NOW PLAYING



YOU KNOW THE DRILL: A dentist (Matthew Perry) finds out his neighbor is a hit man (Bruce Willis) in "The Whole Nine Yards."

## OPENING TODAY

## "LA CIUDAD" (NR)

Four stories about love, hope and loss that create a portrait of Latin American immigrants living in New York. At the Castro, S.F.

## "JUDY BERLIN" (NR)

A man returns to his East Coast home town after failing as a Hollywood director in this comedy with Edie Falco, Julie Kavner and Madeline Kahn. At the Galaxy, S.F.

## "MR. DEATH" (PG-13)

Errol Morris directed this documentary about Fred A. Leuchter Jr., an engineer who designs and repairs execution equipment. At the Lumiere, S.F.

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## Calendar

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**The Turning Point** at the YWCA, Bancroft Way, offers a "Resume Clinics on Demand" service, by appointment. The service is available for a background check, resume writing, and interview preparation. Price: \$15 for YWCA members, \$20 for non-members. Call 845-6370 for additional information.

**Rosanne Rosen**, founder of Rosanne Rosen Bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. She is joined in the presentation by Susan Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosanne Method bodywork. Location: Rosanne Method Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 845-6606.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center**, 941 Hearst, offers Income Tax Help through April 11. Call Maggie at 644-4444 to schedule an appointment.

**Emergency Services** of the Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes cover basic, practical information, including fire suppression, disaster preparedness, and disaster relief. The Office of Emergency Services also offers classes in basic disaster preparedness (how to take care of yourself, family, home, and neighborhood), and disaster mental health. All classes are held at the fire station. The classes are held at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information, call 642-0808.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center**, 941 Hearst, presents a Millennium Party with music and son by the Toru Takemitsu Band. Refreshments will be served at 1:15 p.m. For additional information, call Maggie at 644-4444.

**Investors Anonymous** meet Friday at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who are compulsively or for further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Hearst Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Volunteer** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Albany, CA, 94701.

**Book Buddies** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people who have Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-4444.

**Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, 1800-642-9355.

**MAINT PROJECT**: The Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse treatment: medical model treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive the treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**Volunteer in Action** lets you make a difference around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a YWCA UC scholar/student for one hour weekly. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-6499.

**Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-4444.

**Berkeley Art Center**, 1275 Walnut St., presents paintings by Mel Adamson through April 1. Adamson and his wife are the winners of the final selection of the 1999's Annual Member's group exhibition presenting the work of more than 150 artists. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Call 845-6370 for additional information.

**Women's Cancer Resource Center**, 1275 Shattuck Ave., features the photography of Gwen Rodgers from the American Breast Cancer Calendar. Reception takes place on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 1-3 p.m., and featuring a reading by Wanda Wright. Tickets are available for viewing the exhibit March 30, during the center's hours. Tuesdays 2-5 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays 4-7 p.m. For more information, call 845-6370.

**Black Gallery**, 1316 10th St., presents an exhibition featuring a new installation by Bay Area sculptor Susan Wright. The exhibit continues through March 30. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 11 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit the website at [www.blackgallery.com](http://www.blackgallery.com) or call 527-1214.

**Graduate Theological Union**, 2400 University Ave., continues its exhibition "Bookworks," through March 30. This exhibit features the recent works of Anne Hicks Sibelius. Sibelius is well known as a writer and illustrator of children's books; her career as a book artist is celebrated in this exhibition. Call 849-2400 for additional information.

**"The Human Figure of Paper: Works from the Collection of Peter Seiz"** is on exhibit through March 31, in the Flora Lamson Hewitt Library, 2400 Ridge Rd. Among the works shown is a pair of engravings from William Hogarth's "The Rake's Progress," and prints by Daumier, Max Beckmann and Willem de Kooning. The exhibit honors Professor Peter Seiz, an internationally recognized art historian. The public is invited to a reception on March 3, 5-7 p.m. Dr. Paul Kalstrom, West Coast Director of the Archives of American Art will speak about Professor Seiz's role both as scholar and collector. For more information, contact 649-2420.

**The Fire Tree Gallery**, 2599 8th St., presents its February Group Show continuing through Feb. 27. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. The Fire Tree Gallery is a co-op gallery, run and managed by gallery members. For more information, call 540-7843.

**The Berkeley Historical Society** announces a new exhibit, "Then and Now." We are celebrating Berkeley at the millennium through a series of photographs and artifacts comparing the old and the new. The exhibit, which is sponsored by the Mayor's Millennium Planning Committee and the Berkeley City Council, reveals what has changed and what has been preserved. Family and community life, neighborhoods, businesses, and transportation systems are explored. The exhibit is open until March 25, Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Wheelchair accessible. Admission is free. Curated by Ken Cardwell and the Berkeley Historical Society Exhibition Committee.

**ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents "Reflective Images," a group exhibition of six bay area artists, through Feb. 26. The exhibition features the photography of Barbara Bobes, Ira Lapidus, Mario Savioni, Susan Homes Schwartzbach, Catherine Stone and the glass of Michael Sosin. Call 843-2527 for additional information.

**"Serial Monogamy,"** a mixed media art exhibit, through April 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Communications Technology Center, 2201 Broadway, second floor. Participating artists include Lisa Evans, Nancy Fasciani, Shannon M. Jaffee, Joanna Katz, Karen Marquardt, Linda Nease, Dorothy Nissen, Cathy Perillo, Diane Rusnak. Call 647-3513 for additional information.

**The Art of Living Black (TAOLB) Window Project**, a free exhibit in store front windows adjacent to the Tribune Building, TGIF and Tony Roma's restaurants at Jack London Square in downtown Oakland. This windows display is part of the ongoing Artshop Foundation's Windows Project, curated by Augusto Ferriols. For more information call 724-9274.

**"New Landscapes,"** by David Steinhart is on display at the YWCA, UC-Berkeley, 2600 Bancroft Way, through Feb. 27. The acrylic paintings are from the Water's Edge series depicting in luminous detail the boundary between the water and the land. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 848-6370 for evening and weekend hours or additional information.

**The Photolab Gallery**, 2235 Fifth St., continues its exhibition of photographs by eight Photo instructors from Oakland's Studio One Art Center. The exhibit is free. Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, closed. Call 843-6999 for additional information.

**Jenny Lee and Monica Marini**, "Two Women Creating," open their 2716 Russell St., studio. Both women are artists dedicated to their craft and currently sharing teaching positions at Park Day School in Oakland. Each has spent the past 20 plus years living and loving the creative process. All work will be for sale. For additional information call 644-9341.

**"Snowmen in Summer"** a solo exhibition by Carrie Lederer takes place at the John F. Kennedy Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information call 649-0499.

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information. New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

**Literary Events**

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer screen printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

**Meetings**

**The Kensington** 55-plus Activity Center, 62 Arlington Ave., Kensington, meet weekly on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kensington Senior Center is sponsored by West Contra Costa Adult School and Arlington Community Church. For additional information, call 526-9146 or Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, 547-1969.

**Vista Community College** hosts a series of February workshops for beginning and seasoned travel industry entrepreneurs, and for world travelers. All workshops take place Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 2020 Milvia St., room 303. Cost: \$5.50 for California residents. Enrollment is open until the day class begins. Register at the college or via Internet at [www.vccca.org](http://www.vccca.org). Call 841-8860, ex. 213, for a free travel industry brochure about courses, seminars and programs.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

**The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Participants share slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Call Wade for information, 531-8664.

**Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

**Toastmasters Meeting:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

**Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a neurologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the

English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

**Public speaking** skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 969-2547 for details.

**Spirituality and Healing:** Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

**State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Higher Alignment:** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

**Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis** Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

**Overeaters Anonymous:** a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 733-9292.

**TOPS:** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter

meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

**Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters:** meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

**Toastmasters:** noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

**Music**

**The Distaff Singers**, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

**Ducksan Distones**, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Gustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

**The Jazzschool** presents Sunday afternoon concerts at 4:30 p.m. at the Jazzschool LaNote Restaurant, 2375/77 Shattuck Ave. The concerts feature appearances by nationally-renowned

artists and top jazz musicians living in the Bay Area. The talented faculty will be featured including Mike Zilber, Bill Douglass, Jenna Marmma, and Christy Dana. Tickets for Sunday concerts are \$12 general, \$10 students/seniors, \$6 Jazzschool students and children up to 12 years of age. Advance reservations are recommended. Call 845-5373 for additional information.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

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## Hills Newspapers Salutes

# Women In Business

**W**omen In Business recognizes women throughout the East Bay and the variety of professions they are pursuing. The following provides valuable resource information to businesses and individuals and reveals a multitude of professions established by women.

Today you can find women embracing

careers in such fields as auto mechanics and chimney sweeping to entrepreneurs in the world of art and dancing. The areas of mortgage brokers, dentists, travel agents, psychologists and realtors have also attracted women as well as entertainment, accounting, and public relations.

The opportunities continue to present themselves as more women-owned businesses develop. This special feature not only pays tribute to women, but offers a glimpse into the various backgrounds and accomplishments they have achieved.

### Heather Ackroyd Hawkins Design Group Event & Floral Designer

Heather joined Hawkins Design Group in February 1999 as an Event and Floral Designer. Heather has thirteen years experience. She relocated to the Bay area six years ago to explore other aspects of design. Heather's specialty is decorating the home or office to aesthetically match your style and create a harmonious atmosphere.

Formal or informal, Heather can create a plan for your event or home while staying within your budget. An initial no-cost consultation is offered to you at this time. Experiences include events for President Clinton, Robert Mondavi, The Getty Family, American Red Cross, Academy of Friends and many other non-profit organizations.

Her combined accounting and design background make her particularly knowledgeable and aware of budgeting



and cost control matters and thus well suited to serve the best interests of the client.

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### Kimberley Williams Bean Insurance Agency

For more than thirty years I have watched the Montclair Village change, grow, and serve the Oakland community.

My husband Gary, our three children and I live close by. I shop as my mother did, at Lucky's. Our roots are deep in Montclair.

Gary and I decided that this was the place for our insurance brokerage for more than these sentimental reasons.

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Her expertise includes large estates with complicated tax and legal issues, as well as smaller estates. She is recognized by the State Bar of California as a specialist in estate planning, probate and trust law because of her extensive experience and knowledge in this complex legal area.

Ms. Bishop always goes the extra mile for her clients. Telephone calls are promptly returned. Clients are kept up-to-date on their legal matters. She has handled numerous matters involving the frail elderly or the terminally ill client with sensitivity and



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If you have questions about a will, probate or conservatorship, call the Law Offices of Bonnie K. Bishop today.  
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**Deborah L. Blackburn,  
MA, MFCC**  
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### Dr. Karen Buchinger Alameda Pet Hospital Every Day Pets Touch Our Lives

Dr. Karen Buchinger has owned Alameda Pet Hospital since August of 1997. Steady growth of the business has allowed Dr. Buchinger to add staff and many services to meet the needs of the community of Alameda.

At Alameda Pet Hospital we have pride in the way we treat pets, and our competent, caring staff works very hard to make each pet comfortable.

We have the largest hospital-associated dog exercise yard in Alameda for our borders.

Dr. Buchinger and Dr. Jen Dalmasso work closely together to ensure that pets receive the most appropriate and modern medical care available.

As February is National Pet Dental



Health Month, we ask all pet caretakers to peek into their pets mouths and give us a call if you wish to learn more about dental health.

**Dr. Karen Buchinger**  
(510) 523-1626

### Meet Ramona Chang

A true professional with 30+ years in Real Estate, Ramona was multi-million dollar producer her first year as an agent and every year since then. "I started my career working for my dad, he is my mentor and competitor." She also worked as an appraiser, working her way up to a Certified Residential Broker, one of only 7000 in the United States. But what makes Ramona stand out in the real estate crowd is her ability to help people completely through a transaction. Ramona's portfolio includes many awards and accomplishments. But none are as important as the "caring commitment" to her clients.

Ramona was awarded the designation of SRES SENIORS Real Estate Specialist, by the SENIOR Association of Realtors. She is past president of the Women's Council of Realtors and a Realtor and Referral Certified.

She serves the areas of Castro Valley, Hayward and Oakland. Ramona is a Former Director in the



Oakland Association of Realtors and the Association of Realtors. She is past president of the Women's Council of Realtors and a Realtor and Referral Certified.  
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If you have been considering Cosmetic



surgery and you haven't found a doctor who you feel puts your needs and interests first, then I would suggest you talk to Dr. Peggy Ching. I think you'll be impressed.

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### Kathleen J. Pellette Classic Care Auto Detailing & Windshield Repair

Kathleen and her dog Bill have been in the Auto Detailing Business for the past 16 years. "Finally, my dream has come true. I am opening a unique and customized shop at 416 - 26th Street in downtown Oakland. I will be providing the following service."

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**Auto Inspection:** Inspection of your New or Used vehicles before your purchase, to ensure your safety and satisfaction of your investment.



At this time I would like to thank my loyal customers, Channel 7, Montclair Realtors, Oakland Body Shop and Garages for their continued support in making Classic Care a success. Thank You!

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### Paula de Vilallonga, M.D. Certified in Internal and INTEGRATIVE Medicine

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Integrative or alternative medicine blends Western Allopathic medicine (medications or surgery) with eastern treatment modalities like meditation, hypnosis, guided imagery, relaxation techniques (breathing, massage, exercise, yoga, music), laughter therapy and nutrition counseling.

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With 20 years of experience, she is to educate and aid human beings attain a higher quality of life.  
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### Heather Yarris Price - Diet Center

For over 25 years Diet Center has been helping people to lose weight and establish a healthy lifestyle through the education and practice of proper nutrition and private one-on-one counseling support.

The components of the Diet Center program are what make it so successful. It provides structure, routine, support, body composition testing and a customized "real food" diet plan that is healthy and livable. The counseling sessions are on a drop-in basis and are what keep the client motivated and successful.

Diet Center has a maintenance plan that provides monitoring and support. Time is often the hardest commitment to one's nutritional fitness. Diet Center's goal is to help the client keep his or her health and weight goal a constant priority.



Heather Yarris Price

The atmosphere at Diet Center is relaxed, caring and welcoming. The doors are open 6 days a week. Consultations are free. Please call or stop by anytime to learn about how the program can help you to become your best and healthiest self.

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### Debbi Di Maggio The Grubb Co. Realtors

Debbi specializes in the relocation of people from around the globe and just around the corner. She understands that the homebuying and selling process can be a very emotional and complicated experience so she helps to make that transition as smooth and as pleasurable as possible. She makes herself readily available to meet the changing needs of her clientele at a moments notice.

Debbi's energy and aggressiveness is key to finding you a home in this fast paced market as well as necessary when dealing with the various issues associated with selling your home. You will find Debbi supportive to your needs, knowledgeable about the community and diplomatic and discreet when negotiating on your behalf. A native of the East Bay, Debbi can



offer you a lifetime of honest information and experience.

**Debbie DiMaggio  
The Grubb Co.**  
1960 Mountain Boulevard,  
Oakland, CA. 94611  
(510) 339-0400 ext. 227

### Patricia Jennerjohn - Focused Finances

If you're like most women, you're probably too busy taking care of others to take care of yourself - particularly when it comes to your money.

Consider turning to an independent fee-only financial planner. Patricia Jennerjohn, MBA, CFP, dedicates a large part of her practice, Focused Finances, to helping women.

"I enjoy helping women focus and organize their financial goals, so they can build a nest egg for themselves," explains Pat. "Some-times it's as simple as making a commitment to watch impulse buying and pay yourself first."

Women's financial well-being depends on issues unique to their gender. This has nothing to do with smarts, savvy, or character, but lots to do with demographics and biology.



For example, women are more likely to live for at least 19 years after retirement, four years longer than men. "It's never too late for women to start saving," says Pat.

**Focused Finances**  
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# Women In Business

## Toni Fullerton At Random Gifts

Toni Fullerton has realized a life-long dream - nurtured by the recent process of decorating her family's new home - by opening her own gift shop - At Random Gifts.

This charming gift shop specializes in unique, beautiful and artistic items which can make a house a home.

At Random Gifts gets its name from the nature of shopping itself. Success is dependent on constant and time-consuming searching, with the result being a small shop brimming with truly special items, most of which are found "At Random."

You will seldom find the same items twice, and will always be surprised at the discoveries.

Explore this delightful shop Wednesday through Friday 12:30



through 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 6 p.m.

**Toni Fullerton**  
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## Sarah E. Galvin - Attorney at Law

I take a practical approach to the practice of law. By that I mean that I believe that everyone needs and deserves access to affordable legal advice.

My role is to empower my clients with information to make free and informed decisions about their needs.

My practice is in estates and trusts. I strive to demystify the methods clients may use to determine the distribution of their estate and minimize their estate tax exposure.

I offer my service at a preset flat rate with all services defined at the outset. There are no hidden costs.

I am a graduate of Golden Gate University, school of law and have been practicing law since 1989. I look forward to assisting you with your estate planning needs.



**Sarah E. Galvin -  
Attorney at Law**  
(510) 569-8261

## Shari Godinez Making Ends Meet

That is exactly what Shari Godinez is doing for the families in this magnificent and charming children's store in the growing Dimond District of Oakland. Her expertise in buying recycled clothing and baby equipment makes her store stand out above all the others. Shari has been in business for six years and is raising two children of her own, Ariel 6 and Aaron 3 years. Her love of children is what influenced her to start this business. It should not cost a fortune to raise a child.

Her experience has allowed the store to grow and create an environment that is warm and safe for children. There is a fabulous area for the little ones to play in while the grown-ups shop worry-free.

The customer service could not get any better. You are always greeted with a hello and a smile. If you are shopping for your family or shopping for gifts come visit this exciting store filled with a



wide variety of new and used clothing toys, baby equipment and maternity wear

**Making Ends Meet**  
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Open Tu - Sat 10 am - 5:30 pm

## Andrea Hawkins Hawkins Design Group, Principal

Andrea has been in various forms of the interior design world since 1983. The Hawkins Design Group features a team of experience and talent. Staging homes for sale, apartment and condominium renovations, residential design, remodel, model homes - the list goes on! Hawkins Design Group carries a warehouse full of furniture and accessories available for staging model home and has sources throughout the world. Our gifts to our clients is to create the resolutions to enhance their environments.

Andrea graduated from the Academy of Arts College in San Francisco with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with honors. She also attended the Dominican College Liberal Arts program. Throughout the years, Andrea continues to give back to her community through various organizations • The Junior League of Oakland East Bay • Larkin Street Youth Center • San Francisco Children's Support League Show Houses • Black Hawk Orange Tour • The Danny Foundation • The Anne Fernald Center



Clients and Realtors through the Bay Area have a mutual trust and respect for Andrea and Hawkins Design Group.

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## Joanne Huie Hawkins Design Group

Joanne Huie recently joined Hawkins Design Group as an Interior Designer. With over 4 years of commercial design experience, Joanne was formerly a color consultant/commercial interior designer for Saylor Incorporated, in San Mateo.

Joanne's commercial design experience includes the renovation of apartment buildings and condominium common areas and Clubhouses. Projects range from a small 40 unit building to a large 1,000 unit condominium complex in which Joanne provides the client with a master plan that includes paint colors, wallcovering, floorcovering, lighting, furnishings, plants, artwork and interior signage suggestions. Joanne finds this area of design particularly rewarding because of the increase in value of the property after a re-design face lift. Joanne says, "Selecting furnishings and finishes that matches the clients lifestyle is the fun part of the job, but meeting clients budgets is the necessary challenge." She is a designer that thrives on accomplishing both objectives.

Joanne's educational background includes a B.S. in Interior Design from San Jose State University and a B.S. in Accounting from San Francisco State University. Prior to being an interior designer she was a tax



accountant at Dean Witter Reynolds in San Francisco. Her combined backgrounds make her particularly knowledgeable of budgeting and cost control matters and well-suited to serve the best interest of the client.

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## Jackie Goodman-Dunn Jackie's World Travel

Jackie Goodman-Dunn is a retired Business Teacher and now a full time travel agent. I began my travel business in 1979 when as a teacher I, and several fellow teachers, would attend at least 6 business / teaching conferences a year. I decided to become a travel agent to better arrange and price our trips. After that I coordinated and conducted teaching conferences all over the world. Now, together with my husband Lester we provide accompanied/individual travel plans. Our Next Conducted Tour, a Deluxe Motor Coach tour of 9 countries in Europe, 27 days, \$2700, per person / double occupancy. Included: air, deluxe motor coach, hotels, 24 breakfasts, 11 dinners, 9 conducted tours in the 9 major cities. 16 Sept. to 12 Oct. 2000. There will be plenty of time to explore on your own.



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## Susan L. Jeffries, J.D., L.I.M. (tax) Divorce & Family Business Attorney

In eight years, Susan has grown her firm to become the largest small law firm in Alameda and the largest 100 percent woman-owned firm in the East Bay. She was voted "Best Attorney" by the Alameda Times-Star Group for the past four years.

Clients like the way they are treated with dignity and respect in a comfortable office environment. Her considerate and well-trained staff has helped hundreds of people with the most personal of legal problems including business, tax and estate planning.

Every client benefits from Susan's masters degree in tax law and over 18 years of business and tax experience. Whether they come for a single consultation or an entire case, every client leaves with some new ideas and a roadmap to the next step toward solving their problem.

Business owners often consult Susan because her active community involvement as a member of numerous civic and charitable boards and organizations helps her solve business problems.

Her firm handles cases involving: • DIVORCE •



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Committed to service, the Law Office of Susan Jeffries offers handicap accessibility and free parking at 2159 Central Ave., near Walnut Street in Alameda.

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## Victoria Kelly Words & Punctuation

Victoria Kelly founded Words & Punctuation in 1997 to carve out a niche in the resume writing business. Her copy writing and copy editing expertise extends to all facets of marketing - taking humdrum words and turning them into succinct and attention-getting messages within a message-saturated world.

For start-ups and small business, she serves as a marketing-communications team member, structuring brochures, press kits, newsletters, and other copy meant to rivet the interest of the customer.

The Bay Area roster currently includes Teas of Green, specializing in green and oolong teas, the whimsical furniture and decor of artist David Coddia, Brown-Eyes.com, a new, online magazine for African Americans and urban contemporaries, and



UpSurge!, the jazz-poetry ensemble. Victoria also writes literary fiction, and is still available for professional resumes.

Words & Punctuation is located in North Oakland near Lake Merritt.

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or write  
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## Donna Morgan, Proprietor La Fleur Antiques & Gifts

The charm of a London or Paris boutique can be found at La Fleur Antiques & Gifts. This enchanting shop specializes in furniture, jewelry, handmade rugs, vintage linens/books and objects of art.

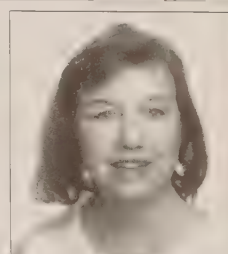
La Fleur also features home accessories and beautiful European garden items.

Donna saw the need for a gift shop at the upper end of Grand Avenue (near Safeway) and decided to include newer gift items, greeting cards and complimentary gift wrapping.

Personalized service is available to customers who are looking for those hard to find treasures from the past.

La Fleur purchases estates or will assist you in selling your estate. This quaint shop also accepts consignments.

Donna's educational background includes a degree in Conservation of



Natural Resources from U.C. Berkeley. She has traveled extensively to Asia, Europe and South America which has influenced her in creating the ambience of La Fleur.

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## Susan Nisbet, BSN, RN Personal Counselor

Is there anything in your life you would like to change but don't know how to go about making that change? Would you like to improve a relationship? Would you like more fulfillment from your work? Are you feeling sad, frustrated, anxious, angry or stressed and would like someone to talk to?

I do not practice therapy. As a registered nurse, my special concern is for people to maintain their health as they experience the stress of change. Through conversation and practical tools, I help people take charge of their life and make the changes they are seeking.

It is my desire to be your supportive counselor, to help you see options for living a better life and guide you



toward your personal strengths so that you may experience a life of good health, inner peace and joy.

**Susan Nisbet**  
521-7417

## Patrice Ignelzi, President Pacific Consulting Services, Inc.

Patrice started PCS in 1985 with the idea that there was a niche for a woman-owned business offering quality market analysis services and good written communications. It turned out that special woman-owned business opportunities never mattered. "Nobody really cared about my gender, only that I could provide expert technical services," she explained. Her client base grew and PCS flourished.

Today her staff of 10 professionals conducts market research, organizes conferences, designs marketing materials, and writes technical briefs, mainly for energy companies. And she's not stopping there. PCS just launched a new graphic design practice aimed at helping local businesses with needs from webpage and letterhead design to product brochures and proposal and report production.



"We're established in the corporate business world. Now I'm interested in serving the local community—providing our neighboring businesses with services that can help them succeed."

PCS is located in Albany and can be reached at 510-526-3123 or www.pcsyes.com.

## Barbara Price - Owner Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club

For producer Barbara Price, it is "a dream come true." Establishing the Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club has been a lifelong journey; a journey that included a life, politics and entertainment. In 1964 Price worked for President Lyndon Johnson's administration and organized a hunger relief tour for first lady Lady Bird Johnson. She worked for Birch Bayh, then a senator from Indiana. She wrote his speeches and policy papers and in 1966 she visited Vietnam. In 1976 she ran a San Francisco family law practice for 12 years where her caseload was heavily dotted with entertainment and production projects.

In 1996 she purchased and revitalized the Women's Club which includes Salon (bar) and full ballroom with stage, (roomy enough for a big band) and a box office. It



is a wonderful place says Price, ideal for weddings, concerts, classes and business meetings. For rental information or cultural arts calendar contact 510-339-1832 or fax 510-339-1851

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# Women In Business

## Marlo Rasmussen Stylist and Colorist The Terrace Hair Studio

For the past fifteen years Marlo has been a stylist and colorist in the San Ramon and Danville areas. In addition to working behind the chair, she was also the Staff Development Manager and Salon Manager of the beautiful Blackhawk Plaza Salon in Danville. She has decided to relocate to Alameda and become part of The Terrace Hair Studio, located at 2306-C Central Ave. in Alameda.

Marlo brings with her years of experience as well as an incredible sense of style. She has worked closely with several of the major color lines, as well as being Vidal Sassoon trained in the art of precision hair cutting. During her complimentary consultation she will carefully consider the client's hair texture, face shape, bone structure and lifestyle to determine a look that will be easy for



them to maintain.

Please call for your complimentary consultation

**Marlo Rasmussen**  
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## Georgia Richardson - Owner Richardson Real Estate Services A Broker with Integrity and Experience

Georgia Richardson takes great pride meeting and exceeding the technical and ethical standards of her profession. With over 15 years combined Real Estate Associate and Broker experience, her commitment has built lasting and rewarding client relationships.

Georgia specializes in Oakland's premier East Bay communities. She is a leader in her area of specialization and serves as a board member for the Oakland Association of Realtors and Associated Real Property Brokers (Realtist).

Richardson Real Estate Services specializes in residential sales, relocation and leasing services. With the assistance of outside affiliates such as relocation and title companies, lenders, contractors, etc., your selling or buying needs are met during and beyond the close escrow.



If you are in the market to buy or sell real estate or know of someone who is, call Georgia today! She loves referrals!

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## Elida Scolá - Galleria Scolá

Galleria Scolá is a spot where some unlikely art forms keep close company. Six feet tall striped cats roam regularly through stacks of 17th century etchings. Playfully carved mirrors accented in snippets of gold reflect redwood bird hotels dangling frivolously over two headed tables caught shamelessly adoring their reflections.

Elida Scolá is the curator of this menagerie, which features a first rate picture framing operation complete with old world gilding and finishing on the premises and thousands of corner samples to peruse. Over the past 15 years she has taken the business on a trip up Grand Ave. to a new and snazzier location and hit the road training fellow framers from New York to Toronto. Numerous articles in Framing Magazine featuring the stop and its special brand



of creativity have kept the electricity flowing.

If you have some treasure waiting for the right presentation, stop in for a brainstorming session. People say it's a great place to browse.

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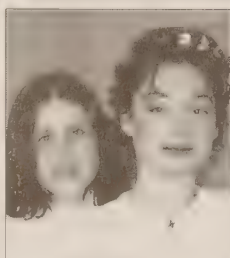
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## Nicole Hough Wakeman, Realtor Kane & Associates, Alameda

**My Service is Your Key to Success**  
Specializing in residential sales in Alameda, Oakland and Piedmont, I am an East Bay native with 13 years experience in sales, client service and project management. With the legacy of a very successful family real estate agency, my skills and professionalism make the difference.

**Buyers** - In today's competitive market, most property sells in a few days. Good information empowers you. I provide the tools and resources for your informed decisions as you move from the financial aspects, to property selection, and the purchase stages. My market and industry knowledge, linked with your priorities will mean successful home ownership for you.

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**Nicole Hough Wakeman**  
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## Donna Luci Williams - Prudential California Realty

Have you considered selling your property? Are you ready for a change? Thinking of a new career in Real Estate?

You may have seen my ads in Homes and Land Magazine and local newspapers. Since 1987 I have helped homeowners get the best "SELL" and buyers get the best "BUY". How is this possible? My expertise and your "wish list" will turn dreams into reality. Phone today.

My studies at the University of San Francisco helped me understand the emotional energy needed to service a real estate transaction. I have personally invested in real estate since 1978. Last year through Prudential, I sold 10.5 million in real estate. I look forward to meeting with you soon.



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## Susan Zeme

### Assistance for Small Employers

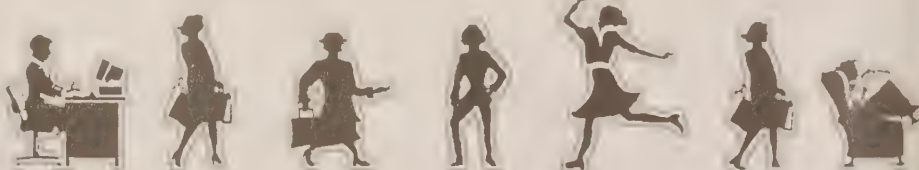
Attorney Susan Zeme understands that the employment laws can bewilder and confuse small business owners. These laws seem to change constantly, and it can be difficult to keep current. Ms. Zeme's clients appreciate having readily available advice from a competent employment lawyer, so they can be confident of avoiding legal pitfalls. All employers need to know how to retain their employees by keeping them satisfied and treating them fairly, while protecting their business.

Susan Zeme represents small businesses and professional practices in labor and employment law matters. She prepares employee handbooks, policies and contracts, offers advice and counseling on issues like complying with the disability discrimination laws, avoiding sexual harassment claims and properly disciplining and terminating employees. Ms. Zeme also defends employee claims, though her clients generally avoid litigation by handling their employees correctly.



The employment laws changed significantly in January. If you have questions, or would like information about any employee issues, please contact the Law Office of Susan Zeme.

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During the 1920's an African American named Carter G. Woodson created and promoted Negro History Month. This period in February was chosen because it included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

The celebration of Black History Month and the study of black history is led by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born in 1875, Woodson was one of the few African Americans who were former slaves.

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**CASE NUMBER:**  
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**YOU have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court.**  
**A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.**  
**If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.**  
**There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).**  
**Despues de esta citacion judicial usted tiene un plazo de 30 DIAS CALENDARIO para presentar una respuesta escrita a maquina en esta corte.**  
**Una carta o una llamada telefonica no le ofrecera proteccion; su respuesta escrita a maquina tiene que cumplir con las formalidades legales. Si no la cumple, su dinero y otras cosas de su propiedad sin aviso judicial podran ser tomadas por parte de la corte.**  
**Si usted no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso, y le pueden quitar su sueldo, su dinero y otras cosas de su propiedad sin aviso judicial.**  
**Existen otros requisitos legales. Puede que usted quiera llamar a un abogado.**

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Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de abogados o a una oficina de ayuda legal (vea el directorio telefonico).  
The name and address of the court is:  
(El nombre y direccion de la corte es)  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
100 37th St., Room 185  
Richmond, CA 94805  
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es)  
Todd P. Haines, Esq.  
Law Office of Todd P. Haines  
15255 Ventura Blvd., Suite 704  
Encino, CA 91436-2312  
**DATE (Fecha):**  
August 17, 1999  
**C. Sponsor:**  
Clerk (Actuario)  
Deputy (Delegado)  
Legal The Journal #0262  
Publish February 11, 18, 25, 2000  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
TS No. 99-06942 Loan No. 5482772 Title Order No. 422076 Investor/Insurer No. 5482772 APN No. 409-162-015-5YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/26/99 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that CTO Real Estate Services FKA CTO Foreclosure Services Corporation as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by RENE M. PARKER and ALBERTA PARKER dated 04/26/99 and recorded 05/11/99, as instrument No. 98-0126123-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California, will sell on 03/03/00 at 10:00AM, at the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, Martinez, California, a public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, the property described below, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, it may be sold AT A PUBLIC

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the property situated in said County and State and as hereinafter described in and above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is: 390 MARKET AVENUE, RICHMOND, CA 94801. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable attorney's fees, costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$34634.93. It is possible that the true sale of the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the state. Said sale will be made in an AS IS condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances provided in said notes, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Deed of Trust, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trustee created by a Deed of Trust. Dated CTO Real Estate Services FKA CTO Foreclosure Services Corporation, 400 Countrywide Way, Suite 488, San Jose, CA 95055 Phone: (408) 520-5241. Sale Information: (805) 578-6518 By: S/Trustee Sale Officer CTO Real Estate Services FKA CTO Foreclosure Services, attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 02/11/2000, 02/18/2000 and 02/25/2000  
CNS1760987  
Legal The Journal 0247  
Publish February 11, 18, 25, 2000  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
TS No. 1999050501109 Loan No. 000690840 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 19, 1988 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC

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SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 2, 2000 at 01:30 PM Lonestar Mortgage Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded December 30, 1988, as instrument No. 98-05315, in book 14807, page 922, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California. Executed by Frank Mikasell and Barbara A. Mikasell, who are married to each other and Sizable McGuire, an unmarried person will sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's check/Cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h) payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, (corner of Main & Court Street), Martinez, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described above. As more fully described in the above mentioned public notice of sale, the real property described above is: 1813 4th Street Richmond California 94801. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said notes, advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trustee created by a Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable attorney's fees, costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$88,104.02. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust, heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The under-

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signed caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located Date February 11, 2000  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
UNDER DEED OF TRUST TS No. 99-05930308 Loan No. 00095930308 Title Order No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/27/1994 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the notes, advances and the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon fees,

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charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be \$41,800.00. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. TRUSTOR: ABEL VIZQUEZ AND ALICIA VAZQUEZ DOMINGUEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE. Duly Appointed Trustee: GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. Recorded 05/04/1994 as instrument No. 94-123170 in book page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. Date of Sale 03/03/2000 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 725 COURT STREET, (CORNER OF MAIN & COURT STREET), MARTINEZ, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges \$41,800.00. 69 Street address or other common designation of real property 844 TITH STREET, RICHMOND, CA 94801 APN # 514-290-037. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date February 03, 2000 AGENCY SALES AND POSTING AS AGENT FOR GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 8601 FOLSOM BLVD., SUITE 230 SACRAMENTO, CA 95828 Telephone Number (800)840-8547 Sale Status

## HILLS NEWSPAPERS SALUTES

# Black History Month

black people throughout American history. Other important February events are:

- Feb. 23, 1868 – W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.
- Feb. 3, 1870 – The 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote.
- Feb. 25, 1870 – The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.
- Feb. 12, 1909 – The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.
- Feb. 1, 1960 – a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.
- Feb. 21, 1965 – Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death.

## Profile on Carol Lee Tolbert

Carol Lee Tolbert was the first African-American woman to be elected to any office from North Oakland. From Jan. 1993 through Jan. 1997, Tolbert served as a Trustee on the Oakland School Board. In 1994, she attended the historic signing of the School-To-Work Opportunities Act by President Bill Clinton at the White House.

An Oakland native and graduate of Oakland Technical High School, she is married to Joel Tolbert Sr., and together they have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Tolbert holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration, a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development, a Teacher's Credential and a Certificate of Community Economic Development. Her experience as an educator and community activist spans over three decades. Over the years, she has become an authority on parent involvement and educational reform.

She also founded Oakland Civic Pride

## Black History Is

By Carol Lee Tolbert

Black History is ...  
Acknowledging ethnic traditions.  
Black History is ...  
Celebrating one's African-American roots,  
Black History is ...  
Reflecting on past achievements.  
Black History is ...  
Passing the torch of individual responsibility from one generation to the next.  
Black History is ...  
A quilt that binds a diverse people.  
Black History is ...  
Renewing relationships with family and friends.  
Black History is ... Sharing one's culture with others.  
Black History is ... Dedication oneself to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.  
Black History is ... Reaffirming and accepting one's bicultural heritage.  
Black History is ... Recognizing the contributions of our parents and grandparents, who helped to weave the patterns of greatness we call, America.

where youngsters can participate in activities highlighting the best elements of our community. This annual celebration has been supported by businesses, elected officials, government agencies and neighborhood organizations since 1989. Tolbert's other pioneering efforts have led to the creation of a variety of community programs such as the Education Learning Center, Oakland Parent Education Network and Senior Care Services through North Oakland Parish Programs where she has served as its Executive Director since 1985.

Tolbert attributes her accomplishments to her Christian values and upbringing. She also acknowledges the support from her community that has enabled her to achieve her dreams and aspirations in the city where she was born and raised. Tolbert is committed to education, political empowerment, and community involvement. Parenting remains her highest priority. She believes that preparing our youth for responsible and productive citizenship is the most important role a parent or educator can do. She continues to work with Oakland schools to improve the quality of education for all students.

Because of Tolbert's commitment to Oakland's families and youth, she has received numerous civic and professional awards.

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## Calendar

## IN A PACE CU

**Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents a special time a special help for participants under themselves and to find focus. The event on Tuesdays by appointment to YWCA members. For a full schedule of appointments, call 825-820-1021.

## Support

**The Stroke Support Group**, sponsored by the Rehabilitation Center and the Neurology, 2001 Dwight Way, meets on Tuesdays, March 7, 4-5 p.m. The group is open to all stroke survivors. Through the group, Lee learned to do things with a cane. She is interested in hearing her experiences with other survivors. Call 204-4503 for directions or more information.

**The Women's Cancer Resource Center**, 323 Shattuck Ave., sponsors "Writing as Healing" with Sandy Butler, a writing workshop for women with cancer. The workshop meets for four weeks, Feb. 27, March 5, March 12, March 19, 12:30 p.m. and Sunday March 19, 5-8 p.m. Spaces go quickly. Call 548-9266 ext. 308.

**The League Foundation of Northern California** is still accepting applications for the 2000 Pilot Support Program curriculum underway at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. This program provides teens the opportunity to learn about disease-related issues

with peers in a non-threatening environment. Topics include the social, physical, and emotional aspects of dealing with lupus, as well as diet and exercise, crisis management, setting goals and relationship issues. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call ((408) 954-8600 or visit [www.balf.org](http://www.balf.org).

**The Grief Counseling Project** offers help to those who are overwhelmed with pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one. Many people suffer in isolation. The holiday season is especially bad. No one is turned away. Call 889-1104.

**The City of Berkeley Portable Meals** program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center** is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-8107.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education** group presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. This method is sensitive and adaptable to people who are experiencing a great deal of discomfort, and to those who are no longer experiencing major pain. Bring a small pillow, wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

**Stroke Support Group** for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

## Lecture/Workshop

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations

outline the resources available to the public as well as a variety of workshops held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

**"What is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prigato Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

**Emotions Anonymous** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

## Religion

**Alpha Miracle**, a 10-week course, is offered by the First Presbyterian Church, 2407 Dana St. Alpha is a practical introduction to the Christian faith. The series continues through April 19 and concludes with a weekend retreat on April 24. The course is free and everyone is welcome. Free childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten. For further information or to register call 848-6252, ext. 410.

**Lehrausau Judaica** at the Reutlinger Center, 2736 Bancroft Way, offers more than 100 classes on Judaism: Hebrew, Bible, History, Culture, Prayer, starting in February. Call Lehrausau Judaica 845-6420 for a free catalog.

## Theater, Dance &amp; Film

**Berkeley Repertory Theatre**, 2025 Addison St., presents "The Alchemist," through Thursday, April 6. The production, a satirical look at the "science" of alchemy and other scams, is directed by Artistic Director Tony Taccone. Cast includes Ron Evans, David Paul Francis, Gerald Hiken, Geoff Hoyle, Steven LeMay, Sharon Lockwood, Jack Powell, Ken Ruta, Robert Sicular, Audrey Ann Smith and W. Frances Walters. Tickets

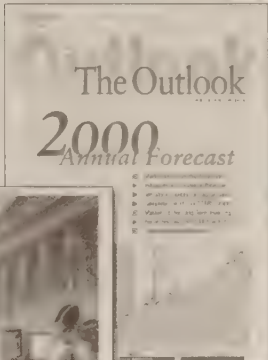
Between \$19 and \$48. Additional information is available on website [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org). or call 845-4700.

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## 2000 M-Benz CL500 engineers success

Wheels

By Tom Keane

Even if you can't afford an \$85,500 car, this report should be of interest to you. Mercedes-Benz has opened a new technological frontier with its CL500 coupe.

The CL500 is not just a four-passenger coupe loaded with luxurious appointments. It has a whole lot more. Most noteworthy is a suspension that will revolutionize the entire industry. Mercedes-Benz has always been a pioneer in many innovative areas that other manufacturers eventually copy and include on their products.

Anti-lock brakes and traction control, for example, are commonplace today, but they began on expensive Mercedes-Benz products. That's the route Active Body Control Suspension will probably take.

Before getting into the nitty-gritty of how this system works, let's take a quick look at the car. This coupe is an eye-catcher because it doesn't have a B-pillar. The open window expanse will get favorable nods by those who appreciate the aesthetics of car design. In fact, the openness of this design might become another area of imitation.

This is a slim and trim coupe compared to the previous generation CL500. It weighs 750 pounds less due to the use of aluminum in the door panels, hood, roof, rear fenders and throughout the suspension. It also contains some lightweight composite and magnesium.

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Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

"Apart from the Prowler, Plymouth has offered little that was unavailable badged as a Dodge."

## Plymouth, we hardly knew ye...

The paper tote bags read in large red type: "Dodge. Different." Always irreverent, I muttered: "I want one that says, 'Plymouth. Disappeared.'"

Within the week came the official announcement that Plymouth was officially gone as a division of Chrysler, which is officially DaimlerChrysler — or "DC" as you'll see it more and more. Is the demise of Plymouth worth more than a shrug?

Car marques have come and gone. Indeed, far more names once covered far fewer cars. Some of those names long gone still stir the soul more than some survivors. Deussenberg, Packard, Stutz. Then again there's Nash and DeSoto.

The question is with the termination of Plymouth (the change is final at the end of the year). Has the automotive mar-

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Well lady driver, do you know how to change a tire? Okay you don't have to answer that. At the very least, women should know how to put air in their car tires and check the tread.

As well as tires are made today, we sometimes take for granted how important it is to maintain them. It's the condition of your tires (both tread wear and pressure) in combination with your car's suspension, steering, and brakes, that helps to keep your car on the road.

More specifically, at any moment in time, only four "contact patches" — sections of tire about the size of your palm — connect your car to the road! Unfortunately, surveys indicate that as many as half the cars on the road have at least one tire that is not correctly inflated. That's bad news, since underinflated tires don't han-

## Women Auto Know

By Mary Jackson

As well, take longer to stop, consume more fuel, are more prone to blow outs, and wear faster. Even a small degree (4 pounds per square inch) of underinflation can steal 10 percent of a tire's life. Overinflated tires, on the other hand, provide less grip. Fortunately, maintaining tires is as easy as brushing your teeth, and more fun.

When you check your tires (at least once a month) don't just give them a quick glance. Use a quality tire gauge. Tire gauges come in two basic types: pencil and dial. Both work fine. Just be sure the one you buy can measure inflation up to 60 pounds, since the "mini" spares usu-

ally need this higher pressure.

Always check tires when they're cold. The first thing in the morning is the best time, but at a minimum, the car should be standing for a few hours. Driving causes tires to heat up, causing the pressure to increase. Warm tires will give an inaccurate reading.

To find the correct pressure for your tires ignore the number printed on the tire. That number indicates the maximum pressure for the tire. You want the automaker's recommended tire pressure. That number is based on your car's individual suspension settings. To find this number, look in the owner's manual, or on the driver side door or jamb for a label with the words "Cold Tire Pressure" followed by the letters "F" and "R." The letter F stands for front and letter R stands for rear.

Locate the valve stem on the tire and remove its protective cap. Apply the tire gauge to the valve stem at a right angle and push firmly. You'll probably hear a whoosh of air, which is normal. No, you're not letting all the air out of your tires, unless you continue to push on the pin, in which case the air will escape.

The quicker and firmer you apply the gauge, the less air will leak out. A nylon tab will pop out of the bottom of the pencil-type gauge, revealing a number. If you're using a dial-type, the needle will move from zero to a number. In either case, the number will indicate the amount of air pressure in pounds per inch.

If the pressure is too high, remove a small amount of air and check again. If it's too low, drive to a nearby service station and add air. Do not trust the service station's gauge; most

are notoriously inaccurate. That's why you have your own gauge.

When checking tire pressure watch for tears, bulges, or abnormal lumps in the tread or sidewall. If you find any of these defects, have the tire checked immediately and replaced if necessary. And don't forget to check the spare. Even though spares are just sitting around, they do lose air. Also always check tire pressure before going on a trip.

Don't forget to periodically check tread wear with an inexpensive tread depth indicator, or an even less expensive, Lincoln-head penny. Simply stick a penny in the most worn groove or insert the tread depth indicator. If you can see the top of Abe's head or there's less than 1/16 inch (1.6 mm), it's time to buy baby a new pair of shoes.

If you find you need new tires

don't wait until the last minute. Increase the risk of tire failure may miss out on buying quality tires on sale. Be sure to get tires with the qualities that match your individual driving style. In other words, if you drive a highway speeds (the Lincoln-head penny probably don't need the tread indicator. Road Masher model. Don't you see tire qualities that you would use.

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## Plymouth

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ing it an easier place for prospective buyers to find their way, or has it been somehow lessened? The answer is probably neither. Except for certain sharp spikes of interest — Fury, Barracuda, Belvedere — post-WWII Plymouths have been lackluster and personality free. Until the recent Prowler, which was projected on Plymouth as if the name were a movie screen. Certainly the Prowler was not an internal light originating in any Plymouth tradition, if such existed.

Apart from the Prowler, Plymouth has offered little that was unavailable badged as a Dodge. The Plymouth versions were down scale to the Dodge counterparts, such as the Plymouth Voyager, Neon, Acclaim, Breeze. All Plymouth could offer was a price advantage at a time when that mattered little. Buyers have been looking for "content."

One trouble with Plymouth is the name. Plymouth is a mush-mouthed thing to say. There are no bones in the word, so it flops about when you try to stand it up. Plymouth sounds like a spiritless, dark green sedan driven by — hey, my mother!

It comes to me suddenly that mother's last car was exactly such a Plymouth. I remember it on an early 1970s visit to California when the two of us spent an hour or two waiting in a gas line. In Vermont, where I lived then, we had not experienced such evidence of the gasoline crises.

Wait a minute, I owned a Plymouth long after that! Well, sort of a Plymouth. It was a

Colt Vista made by Mitsubishi with "Imported for Plymouth" on the vehicle. On the registration was the name "Dodge." I suggest surviving such an identity is difficult.

The Prowler was perhaps too specific a car and too narrow in appeal to go far in changing things with Plymouth. Anyway, under the new German-American regime it was fairly clear that Plymouth's days were numbered.

The certain demise of other long lasting names (Plymouth began in 1928) has been bruited about, too.

So is it Buick that is in danger? There are always the whispers. That's what rumor mongers do, monger. But the stunning knock out of the auto show circuit are Buick concept cars, the Regal Cielo and LaCrosse. Will the concepts move to production? If they do, will they appeal to the Buick buyer, as well as bring others through the door?

These sayers of sooth who like to stir bubbling cauldrons and make grim pronouncements are muttering the name of Mercury as well. That's the pooh-poohed at Ford as you might expect. It's a dealer thing. A problem of having to allocate similar cars to different dealers means that a manufacturer often gets two not-so-dazzling products instead of one knock out.

For instance, take the previous model Sable (Mercury) and (Ford) Taurus. I heard a number of people say if you switched back end treatments you'd have one fine looking car. (But they disagreed which of the hybrids that would be.)

Think of it. These are the matter those folks late of Plymouth will not have to ponder any longer.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### 2000 Mercedes-Benz CL500

#### ■ VEHICLE TYPE

2-door 4-passenger pillarless coupe

#### ■ BASE PRICE

\$85,000

#### ■ ENGINE TYPE

V8 aluminum 24-valve w/SFI

#### ■ DISPLACEMENT

3.0-liter

#### ■ HORSEPOWER (net)

302 at 5600 rpm

#### ■ TORQUE (lb-ft)

339 at 2700-4250 rpm

#### ■ TRANSMISSION

5-speed electronic automatic w/shift logic

#### ■ WHEELBASE

114 in. 2885 mm

#### ■ TREAD (front/rear)

62 / 62 in. 1577 / 1578 mm

#### ■ OVERALL LENGTH

197 in. 4994 mm

#### ■ OVERALL WIDTH

73 in. 1857 mm

#### ■ HEIGHT

55 in. 1397 mm

#### ■ TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb)

38 ft.

#### ■ CURB WEIGHT

4,115 lbs.

#### ■ FUEL CAPACITY

23 gals.

#### ■ EPA MILEAGE RATING

est. 16 city, 23 highway

#### ■ ASSEMBLY PLANT

Stuttgart, Germany

#### ■ STRONG FEATURE

Flat ride

#### ■ WEAK FEATURE

Nothing worth mentioning

# Drivers take higher gas prices in stride

## Down the Road

By Michelle Krebs

At what price will gas prices hurt car sales or, at the least, cause American consumers to purchase smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles? That's the question being asked around Detroit these days.

In recent years, American consumers have flocked to dealer showrooms in droves, buying virtually everything automakers make, especially favoring full-size pickup trucks, large sport utilities, and high-horsepower luxury automobiles. Low gasoline prices, which reached rock bottom only a year ago, have been part of the draw.

Now that gasoline prices have flip-flopped, setting record highs, the question of what impact they will have on auto sales generally, and large vehicles specifically, is cropping up. Economists for Detroit's automakers downplay the impact of higher gas prices.

Strong economic factors — low unemployment, rising income, the highest consumer confidence in 50 years, stable vehicle prices and record corporate profits giving way to fat profit-sharing checks — far outweigh fuel price increases, economic analysts say.

In addition, they note, gasoline still remains relatively inexpensive compared to other items consumers purchase and particularly compared with prices in countries overseas, and it represents only a small part of the household budget.

"I wouldn't say gas prices are something we worry about on a day-to-day basis as they effect car sales," said Paul Ballew, General Motors director of market analysis. "We look at it in the appropriate context of all of the other things going on in the economy."

Higher gas prices will cause consumers to pause about whether they buy and what they buy, says David Littmann, chief economist for Comerica Bank in Detroit.

The hike in the price of oil already has pushed the price at the pump to slightly more than \$1.30 a gallon, according to the Energy Department.

The increase is costing American consumers \$20 billion a year cumulatively. That amounts to about \$300 a year — or \$25 to \$20 extra a month — for the average consumer owning an average vehicle and driving about 15,000 to 18,000 miles per year.

"Higher gas prices, combined with higher interest rates, will hit consumers' wallets, and that will slow — not stop — auto sales

and probably cause a shift in the vehicle mix," says Littmann.

He expects consumers to take notice by the second half of this year, as gasoline prices stay high for several months. In response, automakers, in an effort to keep sales strong and assembly plants running at full speed, will offer rebates and incentives on large high-profit vehicles.

Still, economists, including Littmann, are predicting an unprecedented seventh year of 15-million plus vehicle sales, with trucks outselling cars for the second consecutive year. Indeed, so far, higher gas prices have not hurt sales and have not prompted consumers to downsize.

January sales hit a sizzling 18 million cars and light trucks, based on a seasonally adjusted rate; full-year 1999 sales set a record at just under 17 million.

Economists say there is no magic gas price that will suddenly cause consumers to turn away from large gas guzzlers or quit buying new vehicles altogether. Rather, only additional negative economic news, sustained high gas prices and gas shortages will change consumers' buying habits.

Most economists predict gas prices will increase further and stay at high levels throughout the year. W. Van Bussmann, DaimlerChrysler corporate economist, expects gasoline prices to peak in the summer, as they do seasonally anyway, at \$1.40 a gallon and gradually subside. But he further predicts vehicle sales this year will be off only slightly from

last year's.

Environmentalists, meantime, say higher fuel prices will cause manufacturers and consumers to lean toward more fuel-efficient vehicles.

"We are not for increased gas prices," said Charles Griffith, director of projects for the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., which campaigns for cleaner, more fuel-efficient transportation. "But higher gas prices might well cause manufacturers and consumers to reflect on the cost of the automobile on the environment."

Automakers are developing new technologies — from hybrid vehicles to fuel cells — to address more stringent emissions and fuel economy regulations demands.

"Our longer term concern is over what happens to energy prices and usage here and in other parts of the world," knowledgeable GM's Ballew.

## M-Benz

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Then there's brake assist. A computer recognizes unusually high-speed movement of the foot from gas pedal to brake pedal and concludes there is an emergency stopping situation. The system then applies full braking force. Mercedes-Benz brought this system out a couple years ago and it is included as standard equipment on the CL500.

This manufacturer also introduced an automatic Electronic Stability Program. This system works intuitively to keep the car going on its intended path should it sense the driver has lost control. Working in milliseconds, it reacts before even the driver knows the car is going out of control. Again, ESP is included as standard equipment.

In addition to the mechanical capabilities, this sharp-looking coupe is loaded with all the luxurious appointments one expects of a high-price Mercedes-Benz. The Bose sound equipment with its digital integrated circuit and automatic volume control is excellent. The plush multi-adjustable leather seats, wood trim, climate control, and the entire interior ambience is everything one could ask. What aren't visible are the numerous built-in safety features.

Even the 5.0-liter V8 engine provides remarkable performance. Since the car is a comparative lightweight, the CL500 responds to the gas pedal promptly. The best part is that it delivers 336 lb.-ft. of torque over a wide range of 2,700 to 4,250 rpm. Zero to 60 is about 6 seconds. The all-new transmission adapts to the driver's gas pedal touch and is exceptionally smooth.

I drove this car over some twisting mountainous roads where I was able to appreciate the sophisticated ABC suspension. Mercedes-Benz now uses four hydraulic servos on the top of each coil spring. The servos apply forces as dictated by a computer that uses sensors to monitor the body, which prevents the car from leaning. This design of a car's suspension system is so radically different, it no longer uses a stabilizer bar.

Most of you will probably wait for ABC Active Suspension to filter down to a more affordable car. But for those with an uncontrolled passion for driving, get your order in now. Mercedes-Benz is only going to make about 2,500 of them this year and already 400 have been sold.

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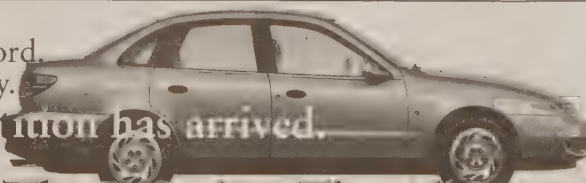
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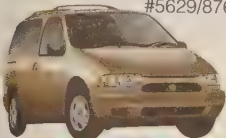


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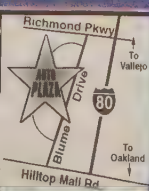
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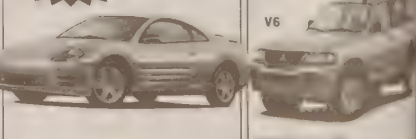
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### Vegetable stews hearty enough for meat lovers

By Melissa Clark  
N.Y. TIMES NEWS SERVICE

NEW YORK — Almost by definition, stew means meat. Beef, veal and lamb are the usual foundation of stews, the warmest food of winter. But lately, chefs around New York have been creating increasingly flavored stews made with vegetables only. And not just vegetarians are ordering them.

At Prune in the East Village, Gabrielle Hamilton says she includes vegetable and bean ragouts on her menu because they are what she likes to eat. "I'm a serious meat lover, but I also love to make a meal out of nothing but vegetables," Hamilton said. Stews are an obvious one-dish solution.

The trick with vegetable stews is to add as much flavor as possible to seasonal ingredients, making them heartier and more satisfying, though based on vegetable broths, rather than beef or chicken stock. Spices, and plenty of them, are the key. Roasting also intensifies the vegetable flavor and adds an illusion of meatiness.

Prune's menu changes every few weeks, but it now includes an oniony stew of fagolelets and chanterelles, enhanced with leeks and thyme, and a fragrant chickpea stew with North African spices.

At Five Points, Marc Meyer serves a stew of roasted carrots, onions and turnips with chickpea vegetable puree and risotto. At 21, Eric Leuberg uses traditional saffron in a bouillabaisse of vegetables like fennel, artichokes, celeriac, broccoli rab, tomatoes and zucchini, instead of shellfish, and serves it with classic rouille on toasts.

At Heartbeat, Michel Nishan makes a mushroom-based winter stew seasoned with a North African mixture

usually made with cumin, coriander, ginger, turmeric, cardamom, nutmeg, cinnamon, cayenne and rosebuds. The stew itself is served inside a large roasted Hubbard squash. As portions are ladled out, slices of the squash are cut from the rim and sprinkled with raz el hanout and fresh herbs like chives and mint. The spices set off the natural sweetness of the squash, while adding depth of flavor and a touch of heat.

"It's a terrific banquet dish, but takes a little finesse to serve," Nishan said.

Both he and Meyer roast some of the vegetables in their stews (375 degrees until they are tender). Winter root vegetables, like parsnips, celeriac, turnips, rutabagas and carrots, as well as winter squash and onions, caramelize in high heat, adding still another layer of flavor.

At Quantum, Joseph Fortunato roasts tomatoes at this time of year to concentrate their less-than-summery flavor. He then simmers them with chickpeas and garlic in vegetable broth to make a robust stew.

In general, vegetable stews are made like the meat versions. A base of chopped vegetables is sauteed, then liquid is added, and the mixture is simmered until soft. This part can take as little as 20 minutes, compared with hours for beef. Starchy ingredients like rice or dried beans take longer to cook, but they will help thicken the broth to make what is essentially a rich sauce.

Chefs choose either harmonious vegetables — all from the cabbage family, for instance — or mix-and-match flavors, as with peppery mustard greens and sweet onions. While many stew-making chefs limit themselves to seasonal produce, Odette Fada of San Domenico combines



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AT HEARTBEAT, a vegetable stew, sprinkled with herbs and a North African spice mixture, is served in a squash.

fava beans, peas, artichokes and asparagus with wine and olive oil in a mellow stew garnished with sharp, salty pecorino Romano. Called scafata, it is traditionally a spring dish served when the first new vegetables appear in the markets, but with high-quality frozen fava beans and imported vegetables it also works out of season.

Bill Telepan of Judson Grill prefers the

seasonal approach, because he thinks sturdy vegetables are better suited to cold weather. His vegetable stew reflects the Greenmarkets: turnips, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, parsnips, celeriac and leeks.

Diane Forley of Verbena takes a different approach with the stews on her vegetable tasting menu. She often focuses on one assertive vegetable and builds the flavors around it. In her wild mushroom stew,

for instance, she starts with earthy portobellos, hen of the wood, shiitakes and other wild mushrooms and accentuates their flavors with fresh greens and herbs like spinach, chickweed and parsley. Amaranth adds body and absorbs the dark, rich broth.

"We get a lot of vegetable eaters in

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# STEW

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here, but they are not necessarily vegetarians," she said. "It's mostly people who want to have a vegetable option, even if they do end up ordering the meat."

## WINTER VEGETABLE STEW

Adapted from Michel Nishan, Heartbeat  
Time: about 3 hours  
1/3 cup raz al hanout spice mixture (available at specialty markets)  
2 tablespoons raw cane sugar  
½ tablespoon kosher or coarse sea salt

¾ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 6 to 8 pound Hubbard squash  
10 cipolini  
10 red pearl onions  
½ peeled butternut squash, cut into bite-size pieces (about 4 cups)  
4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
½ peeled rutabaga, cut into bite-size pieces (about a cup)  
1 medium peeled turnip, cut into bite-size pieces (about a cup)  
2 large Peruvian potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks  
3 to 4 large Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks  
½ leek, thinly sliced (white part and one inch of

green)  
3 toasted cinnamon sticks  
½ jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced  
½ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg  
Squash sauce (see recipe)  
¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh herbs  
4 to 6 slices Russian black bread or walnut raisin bread.

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, combine raz al hanout, sugar, coarse salt and pepper. Set aside.  
2. Cut top off Hubbard squash as a lid. Seed and scrape inside of squash clean. Wash, and reserve seeds. Rub lid and inside of squash with half of spice mixture. Place lid and squash, cut side down, on baking sheet. Cover with foil. Bake for 45 minutes. Remove

lid. Return squash to oven, and bake for 45 minutes more, until tender.  
3. Meanwhile, place cipolini and pearl onions on a baking sheet, and roast for 15 minutes. On another baking sheet, place butternut squash cubes on a separate baking sheet, and lightly with 1 tablespoon olive oil, and bake for 15 minutes. On another baking sheet, place turnip cubes in two separate piles, and lightly with ½ tablespoon olive oil, and bake for 15 minutes. On another baking sheet, place potatoes out after 15 minutes and leave to continue for 10 minutes more. Peel the onions, and cut cipolini onions in half.  
4. Put potatoes in a steamer basket over boiling water, and steam for 10 minutes, until tender.

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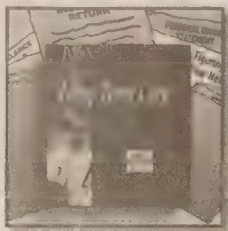
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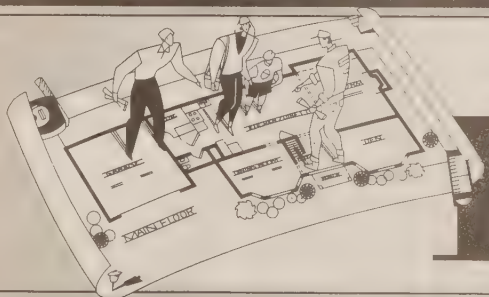
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**Tomato-Basil Soup**  
8 ripe plum tomatoes, or 1 can (16 ounces) tomatoes, drained  
1 medium chopped onion  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
1 pinch ground red pepper  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil, or 1 teaspoon dried basil  
2 cups fat-free or low-fat milk  
Salt  
Fresh basil leaves for garnish, optional

If you are using fresh tomatoes, blanch them for 10 seconds in a large pot of boiling water. Transfer them to a colander and cool slightly. Peel off skin. Cut in half, remove seeds and chop. In a medium saucepan, cook the onion and olive oil over medium heat, stirring frequently, until golden brown, about 4 minutes. Add garlic and cook 1 minute. Add chopped tomatoes and

cook, uncovered, over medium heat for 20 minutes. (For canned tomatoes, cut them in half, remove seeds and chop. Decrease cooking time to 10 minutes.) Spoon 3/4 of the mixture into a food processor or blender container; puree until smooth. Return to saucepan. Add red pepper, basil and milk to the pan. Heat until hot, but do not boil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide the soup into two warm bowls and serve immediately. Garnish with fresh basil leaves, if desired. Makes 2 servings.

## STEW

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cut in 3/4-inch lengths  
2 scallions, sliced  
2/3 cup peeled fava beans (see note)  
1/3 cup fresh shelled peas  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Thinly sliced pecorino Romano cheese

1. Combine oil and wine in a pan at medium heat. Add arti-

chokes and onions. Bring to boil. Cook, partly covered, 5 minutes. Add asparagus and scallions. Cook 3 minutes.

2. Lower heat, and stir in fava beans, peas and salt and pepper to taste. Let mixture simmer, partly covered, for about 10 minutes, or until artichokes are tender. Serve topped with pecorino Romano cheese.

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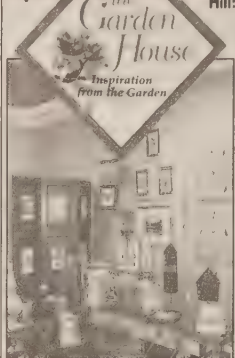
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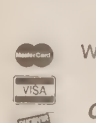
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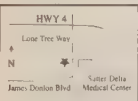
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| <p><b>Louisville Slugger</b><br/>ALUMINUM TEE BALL BAT<br/>• 2-1/4" BARREL<br/>reg. 19.99 <b>14"</b></p>                                     | <p><b>Louisville Slugger</b><br/>ALUMINUM LITTLE LEAGUE BAT<br/>• 5 OZ. TO LENGTH<br/>reg. 22.99 <b>16"</b></p>  | <p><b>Louisville Slugger</b><br/>ALUMINUM SOFTBALL BAT<br/>• 7046 ALLOY<br/>reg. 24.99 <b>19"</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Rawlings</b><br/>LITTLE LEAGUE BAT<br/>• 11 OZ. LENGTH TO WEIGHT RATIO<br/>• MARK MCGWIRE MODEL<br/>after sale <b>49"</b></p>          | <p><b>WORTH</b><br/>'MICHELE SMITH' FAST PITCH SOFTBALL BAT<br/>• CUS1 ALLOY<br/>reg. 69.99 <b>64"</b></p>   | <p><b>EASTON</b><br/>'BLACK MAGIC' SOFTBALL BAT<br/>• CUS1 AIRCRAFT ALUMINUM ALLOY<br/>• FORGED END<br/>reg. 88.99 <b>79"</b></p>                               |
| <p><b>EASTON</b><br/>'REDLINE' LITTLE LEAGUE BAT<br/>• 12 LENGTH TO WEIGHT RATIO<br/>• CARBON CORE TECHNOLOGY<br/>reg. 129.99 <b>79"</b></p> | <p><b>Louisville Slugger</b><br/>'POWER DOME' SOFTBALL BAT<br/>• CUS1 AIRCRAFT ALUMINUM ALLOY<br/>• TAPERED HANDLE<br/>• ROLLED END<br/>reg. 119.99 <b>89"</b></p> | <p><b>Louisville Slugger</b><br/>'TPX' BASEBALL BAT<br/>• 5 OZ. LENGTH TO WEIGHT RATIO<br/>• CUS1 ALLOY<br/>• 2 1/2" FULL BARREL<br/>reg. 119.99 <b>99"</b></p> |

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| <p><b>Rawlings</b><br/>LITTLE LEAGUE 'PRO' PANTS<br/>• PRO LENGTH<br/>• ASSORTED COLORS<br/>reg. 15.99 <b>9"</b></p> | <p><b>SPORT ESSENTIALS</b><br/>• LINED COACH'S JACKET<br/>• SNAP FRONT<br/>reg. 19.99 <b>14"</b></p> | <p><b>Mizuno</b><br/>YOUTH'S or ADULT'S BATTING GLOVES<br/>YOUR CHOICE<br/>reg. 14.99 <b>12"</b> PAIR</p>   | <p><b>Wilson</b><br/>OFFICIAL BASEBALL<br/>reg. 2.99 <b>1"</b></p>   | <p><b>WORTH</b><br/>LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL<br/>reg. 3.99 <b>2"</b></p>   | <p><b>nike</b><br/>YOUTH'S T-BALL BATTING GLOVES<br/>after sale <b>9"</b> PAIR</p> | <p><b>SOFFE</b><br/>MEN'S or YOUTH'S BASEBALL UNDERSHIRT<br/>reg. 6.99 <b>5"</b></p>  | <p><b>BIKE</b><br/>LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL<br/>reg. 9.99 <b>7"</b></p> |
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